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President Barack Obama arrives to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on Monday. Obama is leading the nation in remembering its war heroes in a Memortal Day tribute. For more on Memorial Day in the U.S., see Page 7.

Speaking to troops at war, Obama looks to homefront

By HEATH DRUZIN Stars and Stripes

KABUL - On what is likely their last Memorial Day weekend in Afghanistan, deployed troops heard assurances from President Barack Obama that they will be taken care of by a grateful nation when they return home and to civilian life — his remarks notable amid a scandal that has rocked the Department of Veterans Affairs just as America's longest war winds to a close.

Following more than a decade at war, troops face grim prospects at home: the Department of Veterans Affairs in shambles, a shoddy military health care system and a tough economy.

After inheriting two controversial military missions in Iraq and Afghanistan from his predecessor, George W. Bush, Obama promised to bring both wars to a close and to bring troops home. Now, with all combat troops due to leave Afghanistan by the end of the year, his viding adequate support to veterans.

While Obama's speech to troops at Bagram AirFieldfocusedlargely on thanking troops and reviewing progress made in routing al-Qaida and the Taliban and empowering Afghans,

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it was no-table for his remarks on what troops can expect and deserve - when they return home.

combat mission

will come to an end," he said, "But our obligations to you and your families have only just

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GIs seek a proper exit from war

Wounded veterans wanting closure find it back in Afghanistan

> By KEVIN SIEFF The Washington Post

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan Four years and dozens of surgeries later, the soldiers were flying over the valley again, staring down at the patch of Afghanistan where they were maimed by land

This time, their camouflage uniforms bulged around prosthetic legs and braces. The four men were aboard two clattering U.S. Army helicopters, but they no longer carried M-16s. They weren't here to fight.

For years, Americans have returned to their old battlefields - from Normandy to Hue - to

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to Iraq and Afghanistan to seek closure, with the encouragement of the U.S. military This time, the four men would

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return home on their own terms. About 2.6 million servicemembers fought in either Iraq or Afghanistan, and more than 800,000 returned to the United States with physical or psychological wounds. Many of those who were medically evacuated feel like they were shortchanged — forced to leave their units, plucked prematurely from battle

The guilt nagged at Capt. Matt Anderson, 30, whose foot shat-tered when he stepped on an improvised explosive device, or IED.

"I was supposed to be with my men, not in a hospital," he said. During his rehabilitation, Anderson heard about Opera-

tion Proper Exit, a privately funded program that has helped more than 70 wounded veterans return for visits to Iraq and Afghanistan.

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"In this case, the red flags were so big the killer's parents had called police ... and yet the system failed."

— Doris A. Fuller, executive director of the Treatment Advocacy Center in Virginia, discussing California emergency psychiatric provisions that were never triggered in the case of Elliot Rodgers, who went on a shooting rampage Friday night,

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MILITARY

AF accused of religious suppression

Service reviewing rule that bars proselytizing by commanders

By Jonathan S. Landay

McClatchy Washington Bureau WASHINGTON — The Air

Force's top general appeared to be losing his cool. But it wasn't over a controversial plan to scrap an aircraft prized for protecting ground troops or billions of dollars in cuts that are straining a service striving to recover from the grind of 12 years of war. "The single biggest frustra-

"The single biggest trustration I've had in this job is the perception that somehow there is religious persecution inside the United States Air Force," Gen. Mark Welsh III told a House Armed Services Committee hearing earlier this spring. "It's not true."

Welsh's irritation underscored the pressure the Air Force is under from Republicans in Congress, evangelical Christians and conservative advocacy groups to end what they allege is the service's suppression of religious freedom. Their charge isn't new, but the target is a regulation designed to prevent religious by barring commanders and other leaders from "the actual or apparent use of their positions to promote their religious convictions to their subordinates."

A balancing act

The controversy represents the latest chapter in the Air Force's yearslong struggle to balance the constitutional right of freedom of faith with the Constitution's prohibition on the governmental promotion of religion.

"It's when the commander becomes the preacher that we have a problem," said a former senior defense official who dealt with the issue but requested anonymity in order to speak freely. "It's commanders turning to subordinates and saying, 'Here's what makes my life worthwhile. It's going to my church and subscribing to my views.""

Opponents counter that the regulation is constitutionally questionable and contravenes provisions Congress inserted into the Pentagon's last two budgets requiring the military to "accommodate individual expressions of belief" unless "it could have



KEVIN WALLACE/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

An Air Force senior airman reads the bible in a base chapel at an undisclosed location.

an adverse impact on military readiness, unit cohesion and good order and discipline."

"The Air Force religious freedom regulations and practices are inconsistent with the Constitution and with current law," 20 House of Representatives Republicans wrote in an April 15 letter to Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James.

The regulation "introduces a subjective and unworkable restriction on a leader's ability to speak about their faith."

The Air Force defends the regulation as a measure that "seems to make good sense." Yet the pressure — legislation, congressional hearings, meetings, letters, media statements and online appeals — to revise or dump it is having an impact.

Late last month, James and Welsh convened a "Religious Freedom Focus Day" conference of senior chaplains and legal and manpower officials to discuss the policy. An Air Force spokeswoman, Rose Richeson, declined to provide the results of the April 28 meeting public, saying it would be "too premature to provide an interview."

But Tony Perkins, the president of the Family Research Council, a Christian conservative policy institute that leads a coalition of organizations that are fighting the regulation, said that based on what he'd heard from people at the meeting, he expected the Air Force to "make a policy change shortly."



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Air Force Gen. Mark Welsh III House Armed Services Committee testimony

'Umbrella in a tsunami'

The prospect alarms supporters of the policy, who say a pro-Christian bias in the Air Force remains overwhelming and that he regulation provides an avenue of relief to servicemembers who object to being regaled with their superiors' religious views or who worry that declining invitations to "voluntary" Bible classes might jeopardize their fitness reports and chances of promotion.

The regulation has been "an umbrella in a tsunami of Christian fundamentalist extremism," asserted Mikey Weinstein, the head of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation and a former Air Force officer whose outspokenness has won him scorn and death threats.

Since the regulation went into effect, 4,121 Air Force personnel have sought the organization's help in fending off proselytizing by superiors, Weinstein said. The organization has a 95 percuival "success rate" in ending "the offending behavior," he said. Evangelical Christians draw the largest number of complaints ironically enough, from fellow Christians, he said.

There's little disagreement

There's little disagreement about the importance that the free practice of religion plays in ensuring the cohesion, morale, "good order and discipline" of military mits. But the regulation says superiors who proselytize "may cause members to doubt their impartiality and objectivity."

"The potential result is a degradation of the unit's morale, good order and discipline," the regulation says. "Airmen, especially commanders and supervisors, must ensure that in exercising their right of religious freedom, they do not degrade morale, good order and discipline in the Air Force or degrade the trust and confidence that the public has in the Air Force."

The regulation grew out of a 2005 uproar over proselytizing by evangelical Christians and Weinstein's allegations of religious discrimination at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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MIDEAST

Exit: Wounded veterans revisit battleground, share experiences with troops

FROM FRONT PAGE

After months of planning, the former platoon leader and three of his soldiers arrived in Kabul on a recent morning. Two of the men had left the military; two were still serving.

Back home, their families thought they were crazy. "My wife thinks the trip is going

to bring it all back up again," Sgt. Daniel Harrison said

"What if it makes you worse?" Sgt. Ryan McIntosh's wife asked him. "What if it makes you relive

Reawakening memories

Their itinerary was simple. For five days, the men would crisscross Afghanistan, visiting the place where they fought but also meeting with active-duty troops. They would be seeking an epilogue to their war but would also share their experiences, at the request of the military and Operation Proper Exit.

Early in the trip, the Army helicopters took them over the Arghandab Valley. To an outsider, the landscape might be unremarkable - a desiccated riverbed and a scrubby patch of trees in the middle of a vast desert. But what the soldiers saw was the geogra-phy of their war. That's where the first bomb exploded. That's the pomegranate field where the Tal-iban hid. That's where the medevac helicopter landed. The men pointed to what was

left of their base - a few blast barriers.

"All the memories came rushing back," said Harrison, 25, shaking his head after the helilanded at a nearby U.S. base. "The good and the bad."

When the men stepped off the helicopters, hundreds of activeduty troops were waiting for them in two receiving lines. The troops applauded as the returnees were driven on golf carts, waving like they would in a smalltown parade, to tables covered in American-flag tablecloths. From a podium, the commanding officer bellowed his introduction

There was an awkward silence Then it hit Anderson. Even though he was no longer a platoon leader, his soldiers still waited for him to speak first. He stepped to the microphone and identified himself.

"We were based just a few miles up the road from you," he said.

The rest of his men followed, introducing themselves by name and injury. Sgt. Andrew Miller, left-leg amputee, is now a student at the University of Houston. Sgt. Daniel Harrison, traumatic brain injury, is at Texas A&M. Sgt. Rvan McIntosh, right-leg amputee, is now running for the U.S. Army in Paralympic races. The crowd erupted in hoo-ahs.

Throughout their trip, the four men answered rapid-fire questions from troops at town-hall meetings and around tables in dining facilities.

"How long did it take you to walk on the prosthetics?'

"What keeps you motivated?" "Why did you come back?"

The four men talked about the races they've run, their ability to lead perfectly normal lives in spite of the injuries. They spoke



Sgt. Ryan McIntosh jokes with other soldiers and displays his prosthesis over dinner in Bagram Airfield

of their need for closure. At each stop, soldiers listening to them discreetly brushed away tears.

"We want to show these guys that we're fine," Miller said.

Uncommon dangers

The men's unit had been part of President Barack Obama's troop surge. They deployed just months after the commander in chief told Americans, "Our security is at stake in Afghanistan."

But in their sliver of Kandahar, they hardly ever confronted the enemy — only the IEDs planted under the cover of darkness.

For a year, they walked laps around the same dangerous valley three times per day, attempting to engage locals, who stared at them blankly. None of the company's 120 men was killed, but 53 were wounded, an astronomical proportion.

When he first arrived in the Arghandab Valley in July of 2010, McIntosh was told by another soldier to take a photo of his legs "because when you leave here, you won't have them anymore.'

A few weeks later, he stepped on the IED.

"The mission didn't make any sense," said McIntosh, now 25.

At first, the intensity and danger of the deployment brought the men closer. But eventually, half the platoon was recovering from injuries in Texas or Maryland while the other half continued the fight in Kandahar.

"All of a sudden, you're living with your mom again in a hotel room," said Miller, now 26.

After the deployment ended, the soldiers exchanged emails and texts about their recovery. their plans and their ambition to one day return to Afghanistan. When a member of the platoon committed suicide last year, they decided at the funeral that they needed to do a better job of watching out for one another.

There are things we've been exposed to that no civilian and no



From left, McIntosh, Sgt, Andrew Miller and Capt, Matt Anderson visit the Kandahar, Afghanistan, emergency room where their wounds were first treated.

civilian doctor will understand," Anderson said.

By most measures, their recoveries were hugely successful Mc-Intosh placed fifth in the United States in the 100 meters in the Paralympics. Anderson made the Paralympic rowing team. Miller and Harrison excelled in their studies

But Afghanistan had fallen off the national radar. Their connection to the war, to that experience that had shaped them as young men, had started to fade. The men wanted to know what had become of the valley, of Kandahar province, of the country where they been sent to fight.

'You want to go so bad," Anderson said. "But in your heart of hearts, you know it's impossible."

Artifacts of trauma

Even in Kandahar, the four men began to feel like their audience was fighting a different war than the one they had left. Hundreds of bases, including their own, had been closed. They were told about a huge improvement in security in the Arghandab. Although they heard the boom of a distant mor

tar, the days of American combat missions were over. The Afghan military was now on the front line they were told

The four men walked through the hallways of the military hospital where they had been treated, craning their necks. Once it was packed with the war-wounded. Now it was almost empty.

All of a sudden, they found what

they'd left behind. Behind a desk in one corridor.

nurses pulled out their old X-rays, showing the soldiers' pulverized limbs before they were amputated. The men stared, agape, at the

"I didn't realize it was that messed up," McIntosh said.

They found their hospital beds and tried to remember any details from the medicated haze after their injuries. McIntosh lay down on the floor and took a photo of the gray ceiling he'd stared at after his amputation. Anderson found one of the doctors who had taken care of him and shook his hand. For many of the medical personnel, it was the first time they had seen their patients fully recovered.

"You have no idea what this does for us to see you," said Capt. Mary Neill the head of the Kandahar hospital fighting back tears

When they left Kandahar in 2010, the men were fluent in military jargon. When they returned, after so much time in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, they spoke like biomedical engineers. anatomizing their injuries and discussing the relative merits of new prosthetic materials. Anderson had written a research paper in college on beterotopic ossification. "How your flesh can turn into bone," he explained.

Back in the States, people often keep their distance from the amputees, "like they're afraid," Miller said.

But during Operation Proper Exit, the brotherhood resumed effortlessly. The men poked fun at each other for being tall or bald or charming around women. They downed Rip-It energy drinks, like all the other U.S. soldiers.

"These guys feel like they got knocked out of the ring by the enemy," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Townsend, who met the men on a stopover in eastern Afghanistan. They deserve a chance to get back in that ring.

When the long days ended, the men took off their prostheses. They sent emails to their wives and girlfriends and parents.

Harrison told his wife that her fears about the trip were wrong. He told her how easy the transition back to military culture had been. It was like the platoon had never been apart.
"The harder transition is going

back to the U.S. again," he said.



Sgt. Noah Galloway, left, and McIntosh take a picture together during a helicopter transfer from Bagram Airfield to Jalalabad Airfield

MILITARY

Obama acts to redefine, defend foreign policy

By Christi Parsons AND KATHLEEN HENNESSEY Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — After months of running his foreign policy like a firefighter responding to alarms, President Barack Obama is worried that Americans don't understand his overall approach and plans to launch a campaign to explain it over the coming months.

The president will use a commencement speech Wednesday at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to outline a second-term foreign policy

that is "intervention but and internationalist, but

not isolationist or unilateral," said a senior adviser familiar with

the plans.
"The United States is the only nation capable of galvanizing action," said the adviser, who asked for anonymity to discuss White House plans before the address.

Obama believes that "we need to put that to use in an international system that is sustainable and enduring," the adviser said, "and that can address challenges, from traditional ones like maritime and trade issues to emerging ones like climate change."

Obama sees the U.S. moving out of a period of war and entering a new one marked by different global priorities, advisers say.

But while the administration has focused on crises in Syria and Ukraine, and fought for equilibrium after damaging leaks about national security and intelligence practices, the U.S. response has come across as more ad hoc than comprehensive.

On his recent Asia tour, Obama repeatedly and bluntly defended his policies in Ukraine, Syria, Asia and the Mideast, arguing that he successfully rallied the international community and made good on U.S. commitments while avoiding new conflicts, which Americans say they don't want.

Although Obama seemed irked by having to mount such a defense, aides in the White House acknowledged that they needed to better communicate the president's thinking, particularly to diplomats, foreign policy analysts and world leaders.

The heads of state Obama once easily courted parted ways with the president's decision to back off plans for an airstrike in Syria while he sought congressional aproval. That episode has helped to create a credibility gap that increasingly has allies questioning whether Obama would remain committed to their interests if it meant using military force.

using military force.

Privately, White House officials have described the working label for Obama's doctrine as "Don't do stupid stuff." Within the tight circle of foreign policy aides in the White House, the shorthand captured Obama's resistance to a rigid catch-all doctrine, as well as his aversion to what he once called the "dumb war" in Iraq.

One adviser to the president said he wants Americans to understand what that overall approach means for such "hot spots" as Ukraine. Iran and Syria.

White House officials and the president

^a [Administration officials] define themselves in contrast to their predecessors and the enormous sins of commission there. I think they've swung way too far in the direction of sins of omission. ⁷

Barry Pave

vice president of the Atlantic Council and former Obama adviser

often fend off critics by suggesting that their prescriptions would start a new war. For some, that argument has been wear-

For some, that argument has been wearing thin, particularly as the Syrian civil war rages on while the U.S. seems locked at a standstill.

"They define themselves in contrast to their predecessors and the enormous sins of commission there," said Barry Pavel, a former adviser to Obama who is now vice president of the Atlantic Council. "I think they've swung way too far in the direction of sins of omission."

Americans may be war-weary, but a president's job is to do the unpopular and difficult, Pavel said. "The world is not going to wait for us to recover," Pavel said. "As they say, sometimes the enemy gets a vote here."

The president has taken several previous stabs at outlining his doctrine. He has emphasized multilateral coalitions, stating flatly in 2009, as he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize, "America cannot act alone. America alone cannot secure the peace."

And he has emphasized the importance of the international community developing alternatives to military intervention—such as sanctions—that "exact a real price" and pile on pressure.

The White House often points to its action in Libya as a model for this Obamsstyle intervention. After a U.S.-led coalition launched airstrikes on government forces surrounding Benghazi, the president made it the case study for his argument.

The U.S. had "an international mandate for action, a broad coalition prepared to join us, the support of Arab countries, and a plea for help from the Libyan people themselves. We also had the ability to stop Gadhafi's forces in their tracks without putting American troops on the ground."

"As president, I refused to wait for the images of slaughter and mass graves before taking action," Obama said in March 2011, as he declared the mission a success. But those words provide an unfortunate contrast with the images of slaughter in Syria.

Homefront: Obama encourages troops on Afghan legacy and their future ahead

FROM FRONT PAGE

Obama's administration has been under fire in the wake of allegations that some VA hospitals may have falsified data to make wait times appear shorter and that long waits may have led to patient deaths.

Paul Rieckhoff, founder of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, lamented a lack of specifics in the speech, saying the government needs less rhetoric and more action to address the current VA scandal.

"I think it's well-documented that the Bush administration failed to prepare for the war, and now it's apparent that the Obama administration failed to prepare for what comes after," he said.

In his speech, Obama sought to reassure returning troops of the government's commitment to veterans' care.

"We're going to stay strong by taking care of our wounded warriors and our veterans," he told the audience of troops at Bagram, one of the main logistical hubs for coalition forces in Afghanistan. "Because helping our wounded warriors and veterans heal isn't just a promise, it's a sacred obligation."

Obama, who flew in unannounced and spent only a few hours in Afghanistan, went on to praise the job skills troops learn in the military. He promised to "make sure you can enjoy the American dream that you helped to defend," referring to transition assistance such as funding for education and credentials to help veterans find jobs.

"And I keep on saying to every



Evan Vucci/AP

President Barack Obama shakes hands with troops at a rally at Bagram Air Field during an unannounced visit Sunday.

company back home — if you want somebody who knows how to get the job done, hire a vet," he said, repeating the last phrase three times.

One of those in attendance was Army Maj. Kelli Hooke, who previously deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She said she appreciated Obama's message but thinks more needs to be done to combat stereotypes of dangerous soldiers addled by post-traumatic stress disorder, which can scare away employers.

"I think corporate America should look at soldiers as an asset, not as charity," she said. Veterans of Foreign Wars

Veterans of Foreign Wars spokesman Joe Davis said this

newest generation of veterans faces the same challenge as troops coming home from previous wars. "The day you take off the uni-

"The day you take off the uniform, there's a lot of anxiety because what the military provides you is a safety blanket because you always know where to go and what to do at every moment," he said. "You no longer have a checklist when you take off the uniform."

Weary of constant deployments, troops gave Obama some of his biggest applause when he said, "For many of you, this will be your last tour in Afghanistan." In stark contrast, there was near silence when Obama mentioned

his hope for a residual force of troops to remain in Afghanistan beyond this year for a training and counterterrorism mission. Army Spc. Johnathan Chanza,

23, who attended Obama's speech, said he's looking forward to a likely decrease in deployments.

"It gives me the opportunity to spend time with my family and further my education," he said.

Legacy was also on Obama's mid, as it is with many U.S. troops who have served in Iraq and watched that country's recent downward spiral into violence and those who have served in Afghanistan and seen the resurgence of the Taliban insurgency.

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Obama followed the thread

from the attacks of Sept. 11 to the invasion of Afghanistan and the current plan for all international combat troops to leave the country by the end of the year, mentioning his recent visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York.

"And once again, we resolved to never forget what happened on that September day — and to do everything in our power to prevent something like that from ever happening again," he said. "That's why you're here."

He emphasized his hope that the next Afghan president, who will be chosen in a runoff election in June, will sign a security agreement with the U.S. — which Afghan President Hamid Karzai has rejected — that would pave the way for the much smaller, U.S.-led international training and counterterrorism mission to remain Afghanistan after this year.

"Because after all the sacrifices we've made, we want to preserve the gains that you have helped to win," he said.

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Lawmakers call for DOJ probe of VA facilities

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department should enter the in-vestigation of whether Veterans Affairs employees have falsified records to cover up long waits at VA medical facilities, Democratic and Republican lawmakers said

Sunday. "Only the Department of Justice and the FBI have the resources, the expertise and the authority to do a prompt and effective criminal investigation of the secret waiting lists, potential destruction of documents, falsification of records - in effect, the cooking of books and covering up that may have occurred," Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., a veteran of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, agreed. "Department of Justice needs to get involved," he said on the same program.

The VA inspector general is investigating 26 sites to determine whether employees covered up long waits for medical appointments.

But Blumenthal said the inspector general cannot do the job alone, and only the Justice Department can convene a grand jury, if necessary. The inspector general has said that the inves-tigation could lead to criminal charges.

The chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, meanwhile, signaled that as lawmakers sten up oversight of the VA his committee would look into whether Congress is providing enough

"I suspect we are going to need more funding if we're going to do justice and provide the high-quality care that veterans deserve, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said on CNN's "State of the Union." Sanders has questioned whether the VA's goal of scheduling patients within 14 days of desired appointment dates was too ambitious, given its current budget. But Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.,

chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, contended that the current controversy is an "issue of manipulation and mismanagement."

"If money was the issue, this problem would have been solved a long time ago," he said on CNN.

The VA budget has been increased, but veterans groups have contended that it hasn't been increased enough, given new demands for services from aging Vietnam veterans and new veterans from the Iraq and Afghani-

"When you have 2 million new veterans coming into the system, some with very difficult and complicated problems, I do think we have to take a hard look and see if we have the resources," Sanders

Kinzinger repeated his calls for Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign.

"It is really time for a shake-up," he said. "I haven't even seen the level of outrage out of him that I think we ought to be hearing." But Miller said, "This is much

larger than the secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Still, Miller has grown frustrated with the VA, and his committee is due to hold a hearing Wednesday.



MATT YORK/AP

A cyclist rides past the VA hospital in Phoenix.

28 veterans to finally get proper burials

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The bodies of more than two dozen U.S. veterans at a Southern California morgue will finally receive proper burials, officials said.

After months of speculation, the bodies of 28 veterans were moved Friday for burial from the Los Angeles County Morgue to the Riverside National Cemetery, KCBS-TV reported.

The morgue and Veterans Administration appear to blame each other for the delay, the station

"I think it's incomprehensible," said Richard Burns, a Marine Corps veteran who goes to the Riverside National Cemetery and volunteers to lead memorial ser-

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Richard Rurns Marine Corps veteran

vices for the unclaimed and often indigent vets.

Often, Burns and a handful of volunteers are the only people in attendance.

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Morgue officials said the veterans' bodies were unclaimed and they didn't know how long they were there, blaming the Veterans Administration for the delay. The bodies of as many as 60

veterans may have been at the morgue for the past year and a half, the TV station reported.

There are about 60 decedents of probable veteran status that have awaited disposition for about a year as a result of a personnel change in the Veterans Affairs office and stringent identification/eligibility processes required by the VA," the morgue said in an email to the station.

Meanwhile, Cindy Van Bibber, a VA spokeswoman, said the agency was never notified by the morgue that the bodies were processed and ready to be buried. A proper burial should take about three days, she said.

Van Bibber said that "at no did the morgue contact noint" the VA and tell the agency about the bodies piling up there. "We definitely weren't contacted or we would have had a service for the veteran," she said.

By law, a veteran is supposed to receive a proper burial.

Philippine court urged to block US defense pact

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines - Two former senators, lawyers and activists asked the Philippine Supreme Court on Monday to rule on the constitutionality of an agreement with the United States that gives the American military greater access to bases across the

They also urged the court to halt the pact's implementation until it issues a ruling.

The Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, signed hours before a visit last month by President Barack Obama, will allow thousands of U.S. troops to be temporarily based in the Philippines for the first time in more than 20 years, signaling closer cooperation in the allies' hot-andcold relationship that has been shaped over the decades by war, terrorism and, now, jitters over China's growing military might and assertiveness

Former Sens. Rene Saguisag and Wigberto Tanada - two of 12 senators who voted to kick the U.S. military bases out of the Philippines in 1991 — and 10 taxpayers filed the petition, suing five officials including President Benigno Aquino III's defense, foreign affairs, budget and executive secretaries and the armed forces chief of staff for abuse of discretion.

The petition says the 10-year agreement violates the constitutional ban against the presence of foreign military bases or troops in the country except under a treaty approved by two-thirds of all Senate members.

The constitution also says if Congress requires, the agreement should be ratified by a majority of Filipinos in a referendum and recognized as a treaty by the other contracting state

"Not only is the EDCA a violation of the Philippine Constitution, it also does not provide any substantial, long-term real benefit, much less distinct advantage or improvement in our position vis-a-vis the United States," the petition said.

It said the agreement was wrongly framed as a furtherance of the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty and the 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement and therefore evades the constitutional requirement for concurrence of the Senate.

But the petition said the 1951 treaty was superseded by the 1987 constitution and "its express renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy," and that the presence of U.S. troops under the new agreement goes beyond "visiting," ruling out the 1998 agreement as an anchor.

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Pvt. John Schena, with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade of the Georgia State Defense Force, holds two roses before placing them on a Pearl Harbor Memorial at Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, Ga.



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Corey Charleston Jr., 3, waves an American flag while riding in a Memorial Day parade in Kalamazoo, Mich.



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An Iraq War veteran waves as planes fly over during a Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Monday in Phoenix.





SUSAN WALSH/AP

First lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden stand with children of fallen servicemembers who traveled to Washington to participate in the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) 20th Annual



NDDEW WARDLOW/A

Phyllis Henderson gets emotional while viewing the memorial wreath during the Memorial Day observance in Panama City, Fla., on Monday. Her husband, a Navy veteran, died two years ago.

Obama leads country in Memorial Day celebration

By PETE YOST The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama led the nation in commemorating Memorial Day, declaring the United States has reached "a pivotal moment" in Afghanistan with the end of war approaching by year's end.

Obama, who returned just hours earlier from a surprise visit with U.S. troops at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, paid tribute to those lost in battle there and elsewhere over history. He called them 'patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice' for their country. Obama said that 'many of us will never know' the courage and sacrifice of parents and loved ones across America who have lost a child, spouse, brother, sister or friend in war.

And he made a fleeting reference to the widening scandal involving reports of poor performance by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is facing allegations of delayed treatments, and even deaths in Arizona. Obama said the country owes it to its veterans the care they need.

Closing his brief remarks, he said, "May God Bless the falling and all those who have served and watch over their families."

The president was joined by first lady Michele Obama and Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, at the solemn ceremony across the Potomac River from White House on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The remembrance was for the war heroes of yesteryear as well as servicemen and women stationed around the world. It was carried

out in idyllic May God weather under cloudless skies Bless the and a brilliant falling and sunshine. The national obserall those vance was to be matched by pawho have rades, picnics served and speeches and watch across country. over their Obama ap-

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Obama ater to speak after carrying out the traditional presidential wreath-laying, surrounded there by troops in formal dress and hearing the playing of Taps.

Preceding Obama to the microphone, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, himself a military veteran, noted this year's remembrance came with the approaching 70th anniversary of America's D-Jaul landing in Normandy, France. And Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said "America's sons and daughters are still out there today on the frontiers of our common defense."



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Killer's family tried to intervene before rampage

By Martha Mendoza and Michael R. Blood The Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. - It was Friday night when Elliot Rodger's mother got a call from her son's therapist that he had emailed a ranting manifesto about going on a deadly rampage.

The mother went to her son's YouTube channel and found the video in which he threatens to kill people. She alerted authorities and set off frantically with her exhusband to Santa Barbara.

By the time they arrived, it was too late; their son had killed six people and then, authorities say, himself

"They're in deep, deep grief," family friend Simon Astaire said Sunday as he recounted the family's ordeal. "Their grief which is nearly unbearable to be close to is as much for the loss of their son as for the victims."

It was the second time in recent months that Rodger's mother tried to intervene. In April, she had called one of her son's counselors after seeing bizarre videos he had posted on YouTube, though not the disturbing one he posted shortly before the killings, Astaire said. The counselor called a mental health service. which then called police.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's deputies who showed up at Rodger's doorstep to check on his mental health, however, weren't aware of any videos, the department's spokeswoman Kelly Hoover said.



Jose Cardoso pays his respects Sunday at a makeshift memorial in front of the IV Deli Mart where part of Friday night's mass shooting took place in the Isla Vista area near Goleta, Calif.

They concluded after their visit that the well-mannered, if shy, young man posed no risk.

It's not clear whether the mother's concern about the videos was conveved to the deputies. An email to the counselor was not immediately returned.

Doris A. Fuller, executive di-rector of the Virginia-based Treatment Advocacy Center, said California law has provisions that permit emergency psychiatric evaluations of individuals who pose a serious threat, but that was never triggered. Rodger's family has disclosed

their son was under the care of

"Once again, we are griev-ing over deaths and devastation caused by a young man who was sending up red flags for danger that failed to produce intervention in time to avert tragedy,' Fuller said in a statement.

"In this case, the red flags were so big the killer's parents had called police ... and yet the system failed," she said.

3 dead, 1 wounded in SC motel shooting

By Andrew Coffman Smith The Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Three people were killed and a fourth person was wounded in a shooting at an oceanfront motel in Myrtle Beach, one of South Carolina's most popular tourist destinations.

The shooting took place about 11 p.m. Saturday in front of crowds of tourists at the Bermuda Sands Motel along the beach's new boardwalk, Myrtle Beach Police Capt. David Knipes said.

Officers draped towels over the balcony of a breezeway just outside the doors to the rooms of the motel to shield two of the bodies from the view of people on nearby Ocean Boulevard.

"We've got detectives working on it around the clock," Knipes said Sunday. "We don't have any suspects in custody.

Knipes would not say whether detectives have determined a motive for the shooting, but said it didn't appear to be a random act.

Witnesses and police said the shooting happened when a large fight broke out in front of the

Police said one gunman fired three shots, wounding a man. He was hospitalized, but his condition wasn't immediately available.

The people involved in the fight then fled into the hotel onto the

second floor, police said. As officers were tending to the

wounded man, a second suspect on the second floor fired multiple shots at people involved in the fight, striking and killing three.

In Calif. slayings, warning signs, but no action by police

The Washington Post

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. -In the months leading up to Friday night's rampage, which left six victims and the killer dead and 13 others injured, there were warning signs that Elliot Rodger, a lonely and sexually frustrated college student, harbored violent tendencies

When some young women neglected to smile at him at a bus stop one day, Rodger wrote, he splashed them with his Starbucks latte. When he saw a cluster of undergraduates frolicking happily in a park another day. Rodger grew so jealous and angry that he loaded a Super Soaker water gun with orange juice and sprayed them.

Rodger, 22, who police say fatally shot himself after his killing spree Friday, had been receiving treatment for years from several psychologists and counselors. Last month, he wrote, his mother was so concerned about his well-being after seeing some of his videos on YouTube that she contacted mental health officials, who dispatched sheriff's deputies to check on him at his apartment in Isla Vista an enclave near the University of California at Santa

Had the officers sensed some-

during their April they visit. might have searched Rodger's home They would have found three semiautomatic



Rodger

handguns dozens of rounds of ammunition and a draft of his 137-page memoir-manifesto. They would have read about his plot for a "Day of Retribution" — when, as Rodger wrote, he planned to "kill everyone in Isla Vista, to utterly destroy that wretched town.

But the deputies did not look. They concluded that Rodger seemed "quiet and timid ... po-lite and courteous," Santa Bar-bara County Sheriff Bill Brown said Sunday on CBS's "Face the

So they left and never returned. "He was able to make a very convincing story that there was no problem, that he wasn't going to hurt himself or anyone else, and he just didn't meet the criteria for any further intervention at that point," Brown said. "Obviously, we certainly wish that we could turn the clock back and change some things, but at the time the deputies interacted with him, he was able to convince them that he was OK.'

Simon Astaire, a friend speaking on behalf of the Rodger family, told the Los Angeles Times that minutes before the shooting Friday, Rodger emailed his manifesto to his mother and his therapist. His parents frantically raced to Isla Vista, but by the time they arrived, Rodger had killed six people and had taken his own life.

Astaire told the newspaper that the family did not know Elliot had an affinity for guns, and that he was "fundamentally withdrawn," in contrast with the confidence he displayed in his YouTube videos.

Rodger's melee through this sunny beach town was many months in the making, and his mental state and desolation worsened throughout his adolescence, according to his writings.

But signs of Rodger's troubles, which grew increasingly frequent in recent months, failed to trigger decisive action from his mentalhealth providers, his roommates, his longtime friends or sheriff's deputies, who had three separate encounters with him during the past 10 months Here on UCSB's serene cam-

pus, hugging the Pacific Ocean, some students blamed the senseless slaughter on a systemic breakdown. "This was premeditated," David

Ash, 19, a freshman, said after Saturday night's candlelight vigil. "He had been seeing psychologists. It definitely should've been prevented. But you can't be angry. We're just sad and mournful."



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GOP seeks advantage in old controversies

By Charles Babington The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican strategy for the fall elections seemed set: hammer Democrats on the health care law and "jobs, jobs," jobs."

As Democrats show increasing confidence on those fronts, however, House Republicans are gambling that ramping up new inquiries into old controversies involving the Internal Revenue Service and Libya will energize conservative voters

without turning off moderates.

Over Democrats' heated objections,
House Republicans voted this month to
hold an IRS official in contempt for refusing to testify. They also launched a new
investigation into the September 2012
terrorist attack on a diplomatic outpost in
Benghazi, Libya, which killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans.

Democrats say the moves reek of political opportunism and desperation. Criticizing the president's health care

Criticizing the president's health care law "has run its course," said House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, and Republicans "have to find something else to talk about." She called the new Benghazi inquiry a "political stunt."

Republicans say their actions are serious and justified, even if they also might be good politics.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said the select committee on Benghazi will not be partisan or involve political "side-shows." But he declined to tell Republicans to stop using the Benghazi tragedy to raise campaign money.

Republicans acknowledge the hearings could backfire if their select committee members appear overly zealous.

"There's a real burden on us," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla. "We need to not overreach" and simply "figure out what the truth is." He predicted the select committee chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., will "lean over backward to be fair."

Democrats spend little time defending the Obama administration's role in Benghazi or the IRS' actions in scrutinizing conservative groups that sought tax-exempt status. Instead, they cite the multiple hearings and inquiries already conducted into the matters, which were fading from national head-lines except on outlets such as Fox News.

An inspector general's report blamed poor management in an IRS office that gave special scrutiny to conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status. But it found no evidence of political conspiracy.

The division's director, Lois Lerner, infuriated Republicans a year ago by proclaiming her innocence at a House Oversight Committee hearing and then declining to answer questions, citing her

constitutional right against self-incrimination. In a mostly party-line vote, the House voted May 7 to hold Lerner in contempt. It wants a U.S. attorney to take steps to force her to testify.

As for Benghazi, at least half a dozen inquiries have probed the terrorist assault of Sept. 11, 2012, generating more than 25,000 pages of documents. Main questions include: Did the Obama administration do enough to get military relief to those under attack? And did it try to mislead Americans about the attack's origins to protect President Barack Obama's record on terrorism with two months left in his re-election campaign?

Opinions mostly fall along partisan lines, although some Republicans express more outrage than others. House Armed Services Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif, said the military did what it reasonably could.

Invasion of the edible predator

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — It seems like a simple proposition: American lakes, rivers and offshore waters are filling up with destructive fish and crustaceans originally from other parts of the world, many of them potential sources of food. So why not control these invasive populations by getting people to eat them?

The idea has gained momentum recently from the lionfish, which invaded the Gulf of Mexico but was successfully marketed to restaurants and today appears to be in decline. But businesses and scientists have struggled to repeat that apparent triumph with other species. Some, such as Asian carp, are not appetizing to Americans. Others, like feral hogs, reproduce too quickly to make a dent.

Then there's the question of whether turning them into soughtafter cuisine undermines the larger goal of eliminating them.

"Eating invasive species is not a silver bullet," said Laura Huffman, the Nature Conservancy's director in Texas. But it can still be "a way to get people engaged in the topic and in the solution."

The lionfish, a striped saltwater species with a flowing mane of venomous spines, is native to the Indo-Pacific Ocean and was first spotted in parts of the Gulf and off the East Coast a little more than 10 years ago. The skilled predators damage reefs and devour netwer fish, and they are eaten only

by sharks — or larger lionfish People soon learned that beneath the lionfish's spiky skin lies a buttery, flaky meat that is perfect for ceviche, taco filler or as an alternative to lobster. After a few years of intense fishing and brisk fillet sales, the population is dropping.

Efforts targeting feral hogs, Asian carp and the Himalayan blackberry have been far less



RASHAH McCHESNEY, PENINSULA CLARION/AP

Firefighter Dan Jensen maneuvers a hose into position to fight a portion of a wildfire Sunday in the Funny River community of Soldotna. Alaska.

Growing wildfire in Alaska forces thousands from home

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A wildfire chewing through the forest in an Alaskan wildlife refuge has expanded in size, prompting authorities to order the evacuation of 1,000 structures, officials said.

The massive fire in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula covered nearly 243 square miles and was 30 percent contained, according to a posting Sunday night on the Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team's Facebook page. It was burning in the 1.9 millionacre Kenai National Wildlife Refuze.

The number of people told to flee their homes isn't clear, said Michelle Weston, spokeswoman with Management Team, which includes the state Division of Forestry and federal and local officials.

The Funny River Fire is named after a nearby road where all residents were being evacuated. Weston said Alaska State Troopers were going door to door, evacuating an area that's mostly second homes and is home to many retirees.

She said no injuries were reported, and it's unclear if any buildings were damaged.

Wildfires in Alaska's remote areas are not unusual during the summer months, with an average of 1 million acres burned each fire season, Weston said. She said the state does not usually see such large fires this early in the season.

The state is experiencing unusually dry conditions because of unseasonably warm spring temperatures. High wind is also a challenge for crews.

Crews were attacking the fire by air, with two Alaska Air National Guard helicopters and five other helicopters involved, she

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Ukraine president-elect vows end to insurgency

Military launches airstrikes against separatists at occupied Donetsk airport to restore order

By Nataliya Vasilyeva The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Ukraine's new president-elect wasted no time Monday focusing on the top issues at hand - promising to negotiate an end to a pro-Russia insurgency in the east and saying he was willing to begin talks with Moscow.

Russia quickly welcomed the offer from chocolate magnate Petro Poroshenko, 48, raising hopes that his election will indeed ease the protracted crisis that has fueled tensions unseen since the end of the Cold

But Ukraine's military launched airstrikes Monday against the separatists who had taken over the airport in the eastern city of Donetsk, suggesting that fighting in the east is far from over.

International observers, meanwhile hailed Ukraine's presidential vote as a "genuine election," saying it was held freely

Poroshenko, known for his pragmatism. supports building strong ties with Europe but also has stressed the importance of mending relations with Moscow. Upon claiming victory in Sunday's vote, he said his first step as president would be to visit the Donbass eastern industrial region, where pro-Russia separatists have seized government buildings, declared independence and battled government troops in weeks of fighting.

"Peace in the country and peace in the east is my main priority," Poroshenko said Monday, signaling that he would bring to an end the Ukrainian army's much-criticized campaign to drive out the armed pro-Russia separatists.



Poroshenko

last hours."

The tycoon looked decidedly cool and composed Sunday night when the exit poll results were announced. On Monday. he got emotional when he was asked about the crisis in the east. "The anti-terrorist

operation cannot and should not last two or three months," he said, "It should and will

The military operation has caused civilian deaths and destroyed property - angering many eastern residents — while still

failing to crush the rebellion The president-elect also had harsh words for the pro-Russia gunmen, comparing them to Somalia pirates.

"Their goal is to turn Donbass into a Somalia where they would rule with the power of machine guns. I will never allow that to happen on the territory of Ukraine," Poroshenko said, adding that he hoped Russia would support his efforts to stabilize the

On Monday in Donetsk, a major eastern



Smoke rises at the airport outside Donetsk, Ukraine, on Monday after military

city, heavy shelling was heard from the airport. Fighter jets and military helicopters were seen flying overhead, and dense black smoke rose in the air.

Vladislav Seleznyov, a spokesman for Kiev's anti-terrorist operation, wrote on his Facebook account that the military gave an ultimatum to the armed men who had occupied the airport to lay down their arms. He said the gunmen didn't comply, and the

military launched an airstrike.

Denis Pushilin, a leader of the separat-

ists, said they had sent their men to the airport after some of their supporters were detained Meanwhile, in Moscow, Foreign Minis-

ter Sergey Lavrov said Russia appreciated Poroshenko's statements about the importance of Ukraine's ties with Russia and his pledge to negotiate an end to fighting in the east. "We are ready for dialogue with repre-sentatives of Kiev, with Petro Poroshenko," Lavrov said at a briefing, adding it was a chance that "cannot be wasted."



Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha speaks Monday in Bangkok at the start of his first press

Thailand coup leader warns not to criticize or protest military action

The Associated Press

BANGKOK - Bolstered by a royal endorsement Monday to run the country after last week's coup, Thailand's junta leader warned citizens not to cause trouble, not to criticize not to protest - or else face a return to the "old days" of street violence.

Dressed in a crisp white military uniform, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha said he had seized power to restore order after seven months of violent confrontations and political turmoil between the now-ousted government and demonstrators who had called repeatedly for the army to intervene.

"I'm not here to argue with anyone. I want to bring everything out in the open and fix it," Prayuth said in his first news conference since taking power last Thursday.

"Everyone must help me," he said, before adding: "Do not criticize, do not create new problems. It's no use."

The warning came as an aide to former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said she had been released Monday from mili-

tary custody. Yingluck, who was forced from power by a controversial court ruling earlier this month, had been held at an undisclosed location without a telephone since

The aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said Yingluck had returned to her home.

In a gruff, 20-minute appearance, Prayuth warned the media and social media users to avoid doing anything that could fan the conflict. He also called on anti-coup protesters who have staged small-scale demonstrations in Bangkok and several other cities for several days to stop.

"Right now, there are people coming out to protest. So do you want to go back to the old days? I'm asking the people in the country, if you want it that way, then I will have to enforce the law."

Earlier Monday, King Bhumibol Aduly-adej officially endorsed Prayuth to run the country in a royal command that called for "reconciliation among the people."

Far right and Euroskeptics make big gains in EU vote

By MIKE CORDER

The Associated Press BRUSSELS - Far-right and Euroskeptic

parties made sweeping gains in European Parliament elections Sunday — triggering what one prime minister called a political "earthquake" by those who want to slash the powers of the European Union or abolish it altogether.

Voters in 21 of the EU's 28 nations went to the polls Sunday, choosing lawmakers for the bloc's 751-seat legislature. The other seven countries in the bloc had already voted in a sprawling exercise of democracy that began Thursday in Britain and the Netherlands.

One of the most significant winners was France's far-right National Front party, which was the outright winner in France with 26 percent support - or 4.1 million

The sovereign people have spoken ... acclaiming they want to take back the reins of their destiny," party leader Marine Le Pen said in a statement. She called the results "the first step in a long march to liberty."

The National Front, like other far-right parties across Europe, promotes anti-im-migrant and often anti-Semitic policies.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, in an impassioned televised speech, called the National Front win "more than a news alert it is a shock, an earthquake.'

French President Francois Hollande's office announced he would hold urgent talks first thing Monday with top government ministers in what French media called a crisis meeting.

All of Europe will have to deal with the fallout, analysts and politicians said.

Pro-European parties "have to take very seriously what is behind the vote," said Martin Schulz, of the Socialist group in

Guy Verhofstadt, leader of the liberal caucus in the European Parliament, conceded as much but

sovereign people have spoken ... acclaiming they want to take back the reins of their destiny. 7

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leader of France's

Despite the Euroskeptic gains, established pro-EU parties were forecast to remain the biggest groups in the parliament. Marine Le Pen The conservative caucus known as National Front party EPP was forecast

to win 211 seats

said even after the

vote, two-thirds of

the European law-

makers would be

favor of the Euro-

pean Union."

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The National Front was not the only party benefiting from widespread disillusion-ment with the EU. Nigel Farage, leader of the fiercely Euroskeptical UKIP party, believed he was on track for a historic victory.

"It does look to me [like] UKIP is going to win this election and, yes, that will be an earthquake, because never before in the history of British politics has a party that is seen to be an insurgent party ever topped the polls in a national election," he said. "I don't just want Britain to leave the Eu-

ropean Union," he added. "I want Europe to

leave the European Union."

WORLD

Reward for tips on ferry owner up to \$500K

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea has boosted to half a million dollars a reward for tips about the mysterious billionaire who the authorities believe owns a ferry that sank last month, police said Monday. Meanwhile, five employees at the ship's operator have been indicted.

The tenfold increase in the reward comes as officials struggle to find Yoo Byung-eun on allegations of tax evasion, embezzlement and professional negligence. Prosecutors have said that a failure to spend enough money on safety may be a reason for the April 16 sinking.

The sinking of the Sewol ferry left more than 300 people dead or missing, most of them high school

After attack, Japan pop group cancels events

TOKYO - Japan's hugely popular female pop group AKB48 canceled fan events Monday after a saw-wielding man attacked two members and a staffer, shocking the nation and raising questions over security.

The two group members, Anna Iriyama, 18, and Rina Kawaei, 19, suffered hand and head injuries. and the male staffer who tried to stop the attack Sunday at a fan event in northern Japan had cuts on his hand. All three left the hos-

pital by late Monday.
The women, wearing hats and covering their hands with white towels, appeared in front of a huge crowd of reporters outside the hospital and thanked fans for their concern

Al-Qaida in Syria claims car bombings in Homs

BEIRUT - Al-Qaida's main affiliate in Syria claimed responsibility on Monday for two deadly car bombings in a progovernment neighborhood of the central city of Homs. The Sunday attacks, in which at

least 10 people died, undermined the semblance of peace that had returned to the shattered Syrian city since a cease-fire deal in May between rebels and President Bashar Assad's forces. The claim of responsibility was

posted on the Nusra Front's Twitter feed.

Gunmen kill Libyan iournalist in Benghazi

TRIPOLI, Libya - Gunmen shot dead a journalist who was an outspoken critic of Islamists in Libya's volatile east on Monday, a security official said.

The official said Moftah Abu Zeid, chief editor of the Brnieq newspaper, was attacked while driving his car down a main street in the eastern city of Benghazi, cradle of the 2011 revolt that toppled and killed longtime ruler Moammar Gadhafi. The city has since seen near-daily attacks mainly targeting security forces.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters, said the assailants fled the scene.

Former Marine seeks retrial in Iran

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - A former U.S. Marine convicted of criminal charges in Iran after being accused of working for the CIA will appeal for a new trial after already seeing his sentence reduced once, his lawyer said Sunday.

Amir Hekmati, 31, a dual U.S.-Iranian citizen born in Arizona and raised in Michigan, was arrested in August 2011, then was tried, convicted and sentenced to death for spying. However, Iran's Supreme Court annulled the death sentence after Hekmati appealed, ordering a retrial in 2012. The country's Revolutionary Court then overturned his conviction for espionage, instead charging him with "cooperating with hostile governments" and sentenced him to 10 years in

Mahmoud Alizadeh Tabatabaei.

lawyer, told The Associated Press that would ap-peal the 10year prison sentence as

he well. Hekmati

The marks came on Monday's

Memorial Day holiday that also marks Hekmati's 1.000th day in custody, and U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Mich., said it is long past time for Iran to free him.

"During his captivity, Amir's father has fallen terribly ill with brain cancer, and there is no greater wish from his father than to see his son again." Kildee. whose district includes the Hekmati family, said in a statement. "For 1,000 days, his family has also suffered as Amir continues to be held on unjust charges.



handed his request for a rehearing to prison authorities.

The lawyer said he is optimistic about the possibility of a new hearing and a lessening Hekmati's sentence because he has argued that the United States is not considered a hostile government by Iran's top security body, the Supreme National Security Council headed by moderate President Hassan Rouhani. Iran considers only Israel a hostile government, officially.

"We have argued that the American government is not a hostile government, because the definition of hostile government rests within the hands of the Supreme National Security Council according to the law, and the council has never made such an interpreta-

He said if the court accepts the reasoning, "there will remain no conviction that would justify such

a heavy punishment.' Iranian prosecutors said Hekmati received special training and served at U.S. military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan before

heading to Iran as a spy. The Obama administration in November asked for Iran to free Hekmati and two other Americans believed held there, as relations recently have thawed between Washington and Rouhani. The call comes as world powers continue negotiations with Iran over its contested nuclear program

Hekmati's family, which lives in the Flint, Mich., area, says he is innocent and went to Iran to visit his grandmothers. The U.S. government repeatedly has de-

nied he is a spy. The Associated Press left phone and email messages for family representatives Sunday.



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Pope Francis lays a wreath at the Hall of Remembrance at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem on Monday.

Pope honors Holocaust survivors

By NICOLE WINFIELD The Associated Press

JERUSALEM - Pope Francis honored Jews killed in the Holocaust, kissing the hands of six survivors in an emotional ceremony at Israel's national Holocaust memorial on Monday as he capped a Mideast trip with poignant stops at some of the holiest and most haunting sites for Jews.

At Israel's request, Francis deviated from his whirlwind itinerary to pray at Jerusalem's Victims of Acts of Terror Memorial, giving the Jewish state his full attention a day after voicing strong support for the Palestinian cause. The memorial includes the names of hundreds of civilians killed in Palestinian and Arab attacks since 1851.

At the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Francis prayed be-fore a crypt with ashes of victims and laid a wreath of yellow and white flowers in the "Hall of Remembrance."

Then one by one, he kissed the hands of a half-dozen Holocaust survivors in a sign of humility and honor as he heard their stories and of loved ones killed by the Nazis during World War II.

"Never again, Lord, never again!" Francis said. "Here we are, Lord, shamed by what man created in your own image and likeness - was capable of doing."

He repeated that phrase writing in the memorial's guest book, adding: "With shame for the fact that man made himself the owner of evil: with shame that man made himself into God and sacrificed his brothers. Never again!! Never again!! Francis. 5.26.2014."

Joseph Gottdenker, 72, said he briefly told the pope how he was saved as a boy by Catholics who hid him during the Holocaust. Gottdenker, who now lives in

Canada, said he was more emotional than he expected to be when he met the pope.

"The Catholic people who saved me and risked the lives of their whole families to save me. they are looking down today and proud to see me meet the leader of their faith," Gottdenker said after the ceremony.

A day earlier, upon his arrival in Israel after visiting the West Bank, Francis clearly condemned the slaughter of 6 million Jews during the Holocaust, making up for what many Jews felt was a tepid speech from Pope Benedict XVI during his 2009 visit to Yad Vashem

Earlier on Monday, Francis prayed at Jerusalem's Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray, and left a note with the text of the "Our Father" prayer written in his native Spanish in a crack between the stones.

African, EU officials rip Djibouti bomb attack

By Jason Straziuso The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya - The European Union Naval Force and the African Union on Sunday both condemned an attack the government said involved two Somali suicide bombers in the tiny East African nation of Diibouti that is reported to have killed three people.

The attack occurred Saturday night when a blast detonated in a busy restaurant frequented by international soldiers. The port city of Diibouti is used as a base by several militaries including the U.S., which has its only per manent African base there.

Spanish officials earlier said it was a grenade attack. German officials said there was a blast but did not say what caused it. Djibouti's Interior Ministry said "early indications of the investigations show that the attackers were two suicide bombers of Somali origin; a man and a veiled woman.

The Djiboutian news agency ADI said three people died and 15 were wounded. The agency quoted the Interior Ministry as saying that the attack was carried out by the two Somali suicide bombers.

The British government on Sunday said the Saturday explosion had resulted "in a number of fatalities and multiple serious casualties including western na-tionals." Britain recommended "extreme caution and vigilance" if traveling to Djibouti.

Djibouti contributes troops to the African Union military force fighting militants in Somalia. Al-Shabab fighters have carried out attacks in Uganda and Kenva. which also contribute troops.

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D-Day's clarion call: Freedom isn't free

By James Jay Carafano The Heritage Foundation

I'll bet they're asleep in New York,"
muses Rick in "Casablanca" as he realizes there's no sitting this war out. "I'll bet they're asleep all over America."

It's an important line to recall as we prepare to mark the 70th anniversary of D-Day. Rick's conversion from pacifist to patriot in the classic 1942 film mirrored America's transformation after Pearl Harbor from isolationism to taking its fights to the fron-

tier of freedom.
"Casablanca" and the waves of patriotic war films that followed were Hollywood's payback for Pearl Harbor — Tinseltown's counterattack against fascism. The real response was D-Day, the allied invasion of Normandy, France — the beginning of the campaign that took down Fortress Europe.

D-Day wasn't America's only D-Day dur-ing World War II. In the Pacific alone, MacArthur's troops conducted 52 amphibious landings. Some of the fighting, in places like Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima, was as tough or tougher than the fight to takes the heights at Omaha Beach.

Yet, as America salutes the troops that staged the D-Day invasion, that battle has become emblematic - not just of every landing, not just every military operation during the Second World War, but every great moment in American military history.

More than any other battle in the American memory, D-Day symbolizes the Americans going forth in the world when they had no other choice but to fight for what is right.

In many ways, D-Day was America's battle. Every branch of the armed forces fought during the invasion of Normandy. The Navy delivered the troops. The (Army) Air Force took command of the sky. Sixty U.S. Coast Guard cutters provided search and rescue. Even a handful of Marines were on hand. And 160,000 GIs hit the beaches.

To pause and remember D-Day is in truth an opportunity for all of us to stop and recall



An Italian movie poster for "Casablanca" is displayed at the home of collector Dwight Cleveland, of Chicago.

the service and sacrifice of every fighting American, from Bunker Hill to Baghdad. We are free and safe because they fought.

A D-Day anniversary is also cause to re-call the responsibilities of freedom. Another emblematic war film appeared a few years after the 50th anniversary of the assault on the Normandy coast. The first scenes of "Saving Private Ryan" are so real that combat veterans could not watch the movie without gripping their seats with white knuckles.

The rest of the film is, frankly speaking, a lot of Hollywood schlock. But the message of the movie is as profound a clarion call for this generation as "Casablanca" was for the Greatest Generation. After losing his men in a mission to bring back Private Ryan, with his dying breath Capt. Miller tells Ryan to "earn it." It's a message we should all take to heart

It is more than trite, but also more than true, to say that freedom isn't free, D-Day was more than a liberation. It was reminder that as long as there is evil in the world, America must always be prepared for more D-Days.

The nation's leaders have the responsibility to put forces in harm's way only when it is absolutely necessary — to use military force with prudence and judgment. It is the nation's responsibility to respond to the call with courage and commitment. That is the lesson of all our D-Days.

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My mercurial, brutal, brilliant woman boss

By JEANNE McManus

y first boss at The Washington Post could be an impossible woman. Mercurial and secretive, Meg Greenfield, the editorial page editor, was a terrible manager of people. She knew how to hire them, but she didn't know how to nurture them, guide them or fire them. Or maybe she just didn't want to learn

If you made a mistake or overlooked something or didn't follow through or just wore too much perfume, her response was to give you the silent treatment. It was a deep, deep freeze that could last months. I think one editorial writer went more than a year entombed in a glacier.

Meg hired me as an assistant editor in 1979 based on a 20-minute job interview, during which we discussed the TV show "Dallas," how many years of Latin I had studied and when I would be free to start. The top news editor had recommended me, and she needed somebody right away.

Meg's reputation preceded her, so I did not go into the job unaware of the challenges. A cartoon over her desk joked that she did not have nervous breakdowns, she gave them. With two other editors, my job was to edit the on-ed page, the letters to the editor and the editorials themselves, although little work was required on the editorials once Meg was through with them. We three editors sat in a long bullpen

kind of a room. Using an intercom, Meg would buzz one of us to come into her office, to pick up a page proof and occasionally to ask us what we thought about a particular article. This was a way she played favorites. Which of us had more buzzes on any given day?

In my first year with Meg. I lost 15 pounds. (Every cloud has a silver lining.) I was frozen out once for two weeks because I didn't catch a mistake that someone else had made, and a huge welt developed across my forehead from the stress of it all.

Meg was a brilliant, funny, charming woman, an editor with razor-sharp instincts and an enormous grasp of politics. foreign policy and local news. Sell AWACs to the Saudis? Meg could draw you a picture of the plane. Decrypt the congressional budget? Meg could spend 20 minutes with it and tell you what Congress was trying to hide. Her radar for spin control was flawless. She never went away for Labor Day weekend because she believed that the administration, any administration, would release a controversial report when the top editors were gone and "the interns were running the paper." Meg stayed on guard.

In those days, editorials were written on a primitive computer system, and the writers would drop blurry dot-matrix printouts on Meg's desk. With a black felt-tip pen she would begin her work. We in the bullpen would decipher the marks when she was

To see how her mind worked, to watch the magnificence of her choice of words and to witness her artful methods of achieving balance and fairness was an education in thinking, writing and journalism itself. Besides transferring her marks from paper to the computer system, I checked and triplechecked everything: If I failed to incorporate one of her changes, I knew I would be icebound for weeks.

When I was ready to leave the editorial page after 21/2 years, Meg helped me find another job at the paper. I became her friend; no matter where I worked in the newsroom, I would get the occasional call from Meg's secretary: "Miss Greenfield would like to see you," and we would sit in her office and talk about Tonya and Nancy or some cheesy TV show.

My Catholic education may predispose me to believe that suffering is characterbuilding, a necessary way to reach higher goals. But the longer I thrived in The Washington Post newsroom, the higher I went up the career ladder, the more I appreciated Meg, understood her and, in some ways, became like her.

Other newsrooms, other women, other female executives? Of them I honestly know nothing. I am only here to say that an impossible woman shaped my life in a way that I will never forget.

Jeanne McManus is a former Washington Post

OPINION

Marriage equality takes a few more steps forward

By MICHAEL RENE ZUZEL

ecent court decisions in Idaho, Oregon and Pennsylvania overturning bans on same-sex marriage illustrate how indefensible those bans are.

Roughly a dozen state and federal courts in every corner of the country have ruled in recent months that prohibiting same-sex couples from entering into legally recognized domestic unions is inherently unconstitutional. That a judge reached the same conclusion in Idaho - one of the most conservative states in the nation - demonstrates that the rationalizations that have long allowed prejudice to infect our legal system won't hold up any more.

"Idaho's marriage laws deny its gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental right to marry and relegate their families to a stigmatized, second-class status without sufficient reason for doing so," U.S. District Judge Candy Dale wrote in her eloquent 57-page opinion. "Marriage is a fundamental right of all citizens, which neither tradition nor the majority can deny," she

Laws that forbid same-sex couples from marrying "do not withstand any applicable level of constitutional scrutiny.

In recent days, judges elsewhere have framed their rulings in similarly definitive terms. On May 19, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane, in overturning Oregon's prohibition on same-sex matrimony, ruled, 'No legitimate state purpose justifies the

preclusion of gay and lesbian couples from civil marriage.

And on May 20, in the Pennsylvania case, U.S. District Judge John Jones III wrote, "We are a better people than what these laws represent. It is time to discard them into the ash heap

We are a better

than what these laws represent. U.S. District Judge John

people

of history." But some people, like Idaho's governor, Butch Otter, won't let go. He suggested that allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry, or to recognize such marriages

legally joined in other states, would under-mine "Idaho's right to Jones III self-determination. In other words, the overnor seemed to be saying, this fight isn't about discrimination. It's about states rights. But that argument is no less phony

and specious today than it was during the civil rights era. As Dale notes in the final sentence of her ruling, "Slow as the march toward equality

may seem, it is never in vain. And so the march proceeds, in states as solitically diverse as Idaho, Oregon and Pennsylvania. There is no turning back.

Michael Rene Zuzel wrote this for Progressive Media Project, a source of liberal commentary on domestic and international issues affiliated with The Progressive magazine. The article was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune News Service



a much older, more insidious virus continues its spread. Poliovirus evolved long

ago into a purely human-adapted disease.

and it's much better at spreading among

us than MERS ever will be. Once pent-up,

more or less, in its last redoubts in Nige-

ria, Pakistan and Afghanistan (though now

Kat Jackson and Meredith Hendrix hold hands as they wait to be married at Unitarian Universalist Church in Lancaster, Pa., on Saturday. Their wedding was one of seven performed by the Rev. Anne Mason after same-sex marriage became legal in that state

Worried about MERS? Worry about deadly polio instead

BY WENDY ORENT

n May 9, the World Health Organization stopped short of calling Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, a global health emergency. That's a good thing. In the 21/2 years since it was first identi-

fied, MERS has had a case fatality rate of about 30 percent, which sounds alarming. But during that period, there have been only 594 confirmed cases. Moreover, extensive surveillance in Saudi Arabia has shown that many people infected with the virus never showed symptoms, which means the fatality rate is actually far lower.

Still, case numbers have shot up in recent weeks, and the first two infections in the United States were recently reported, both of them in health care workers who flew in from Saudi Arabia. (A third man reportedly contracted MERS from one of these patients but did not become sick.)

This has brought on the usual spate of pandemic alarm on the part of the news media, along with the repeated insistence that all viruses, everywhere, are only a plane ride away.

That is true, of course. Infected people can always get on a plane and end up in your neighborhood hospital: people with Ebola, SARS or now MERS. But that doesn't mean you're in danger or that pandemics of these or other diseases are likely.

One frequent assertion of the alarmists is that dangerous viruses will "mutate to transmissibility," meaning that organisms will acquire the ability to be transmitted easily from human to human. That actually happens very rarely.

As virologist Vincent Racaniello, of Columbia University, notes: "MERS has been in the Middle East for some time, at least since the '90s, and hasn't spread significantly. In my view, once you find a new virus and determine that it hasn't spread for a few years, that's the end; it's not going anywhere. ... I don't think this virus has even the potential that SARS did."

And the 2003 outbreak of SARS, he

points out, infected about only 8,000 people worldwide, killing 800. That's a long way short of a true pandemic. As for MERS, "Efficient human transmission isn't in the cards," Racaniello says.

In other words, MERS isn't, and likely never will be, a human-adapted disease The virus probably began in bats and is now well established in camels. Some cases of human infection have been traced to contact with the ill-tempered, frequently spitting beasts. But camels all over the Middle East are infected; camel meat

tested in Egyptian slaughterhouses shows a nearly 100 percent rate of infection. Yet there are no reports of human MERS cases in Egypt.

Racaniello says there is a great deal about the epidemiology of this virus - how it's actually getting into people - we still don't understand. Like SARS, though, most cases of human-to-human transmission have been in hospitals, where putting patients on respirators sprays invisible droplets in the air. That kind of artificially aided transmission doesn't make MERS a human-adapted disease.

eradicated — after a long struggle — in India), poliovirus has been moving silently in recent years into much of Africa as well as parts of Asia and the Middle East. A recent acceleration of cases has prompted the WHO to rightly label polio's spread a global emergency.

Olen Kew, a senior virologist special-But while we're worrying about MERS izing in polio at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the WHO warning, while alarming, shows how far the campaign has come. Years ago, he noted, health professionals simply accepted that polio was part of life. Now, Kew said, any uptick is viewed as unacceptable

> against polio is being slowly won. Still, if Americans who oppose vaccination - believing, apparently, that the risk of a crippling disease is preferable to exposing their children to a dead virus and a needle prick — gain strength, this specialist in human misery could come creeping back into the United States. And that is a risk far worse than a few cases of MERS.

as the world moves toward eradication. The

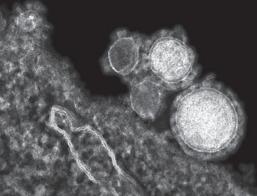
work has been impeded by civil unrest in

Pakistan, Syria and Central Africa, along

with murderous attacks on vaccinators in

some areas. But Kew insists that the battle

We need to get our priorities straight, as the WHO apparently has done. The threat isn't MERS, a camel or bat disease that sometimes infects humans. It is instead the real possibility that a truly deadly human disease could regain a strong foothold in the world



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This image shows Novel Coronavirus particles, also known as the MERS virus.

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NATION



An informational screen, center, warns travelers to not carry weapons through the security checkpoint at Orlando International Airport.

Firearms arrests at airports vary by location

BY HENRY PIERSON CURTIS Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - Anyone who tries to board a flight with a gun at Orlando International Airport almost certainly faces arrest. It won't matter if the person has a concealed-weapon permit or simply forgot the pistol was in a carry-on.

The same is true at airports in Dallas. Atlanta and Chicago.

But get caught with a gun at Jacksonville's airport, and you're equally certain to walk free. Same goes for airports in Phoenix and Denver.

In the years since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, America's elaborate counterterrorism program at U.S. airports is a policy hodgepodge when it comes to travelers getting caught with guns, according to an Orlando Sentinel review of arrest policies and 2013 arrest data at 15

Mirroring a national surge in concealed-weapon-permit holders, airport gun cases jumped 20 percent last year, when 1.813 armed travelers were caught. The most common explanation was, "I forgot," according to representatives of airport-police details.

Orlando stands apart from many Florida and U.S. airports by arresting almost everyone whose firearm is intercepted at Transportation Security Administration checkpoints.

Police at some airports simply ask travelers to return firearms to their vehicles or hand it over to a nontraveling

Other agencies rely on either state or federal prosecutors to make arrest decisions, unless a passenger made an obvious attempt to smuggle a gun aboard, according to Duane McGray, executive director of the Airport Law Enforcement Agencies Network

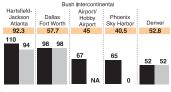
Firearms at airports

While U.S. Transportation Safety Administration inspectors detected hundreds of firearms at airport checkpoints last year, arrests varied depending on the location.

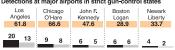
Millions of Guns reported by TSA

Arrests* passengers *Includes cases referred to prosecutors

Top five U.S. airports for gun detection



Detections at major airports in strict gun-control states



SOURCE: Airport Council International (2011 passenger data), U.S. Transportation Security Administration, Medill School of Journalism. staff research

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"U.S. attorneys are not going to take these cases unless there's blood on the ground," said McGray. "They just don't have the resources

State prosecutors routinely decline as well, he said. The TSA does not have any influence over who gets arrested, according to its national spokesman, Ross Feinstein. Those decisions are up to federal and local law enforcement

assigned to police the 448 U.S. airports, he said. That lack of consistency concerns the TSA's 50,000-plus employees, according to David Borer, general counsel for the American Federation of Government Employees.

"Guns are banned from commercial air travel because of legitimate concerns over the potential for mass-casualty incidents like a terrorist attack or the shooting last fall at (Los Angeles International Airport)," Borer wrote in an email to the Orlando Sentinel.

"It strains credibility when 40 to 50 people a week show up with guns at the security checkpoint and then say 'I forgot.' They didn't forget their ticket. They didn't forget their pants. They've been on notice for over 12 years that guns are not permitted and it's time they be held responsible for violating the law."

A national authority on terrorism disagrees.

"I've always had this absurd belief in a certain amount of common sense," said John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair Emeritus of National Security Studies at Ohio State University. "The chances of someone being a terrorist is microscopic — one in millions and millions. They (police) are finally getting a certain amount of flexibility.

Though the TSA keeps track of who gets stopped, who gets arrested and who doesn't, that information is in a classified database. The country's airport police agencies keep such data, but that record-keeping also reflects the inconsistencies from airport to airport.

SHIFTING GEARS



Ferrari's 458 Speciale zips past excess

By Jason H. Harper
Bloomberg News
The speed limit on New York's

Palisades Interstate Parkway is 50 miles per hour, but traffic usually sweeps along much faster. My Ferrari's speedometer stays

My Ferrari's speedometer stays firmly pegged at 48 mph.

A minivan rockets by, passing on the left. A small boy puts his nose to the window, opens his mouth wide and waves. Perhaps this is the first real-life Ferrari he's ever seen — or maybe just the first one driving so slowly. The 458 Speciale I'm testing is

The 458 Speciale I'm testing is painted a vigorous red. It's also got racing stripes, basically douling down on the attention factor. I'm quite sure, for instance, the Palisades Interstate Parkway Police will take notice. After all, would you pull over a Honda Civic or this \$288,000 supercars.

or this \$288,000 supercar?
Hence, two miles under the speed limit. No problem. I've been looking forward to the Speciale since it was announced last year at the Frankfurt motor show. Better, I'm headed to the racetrack, the speed-appropriate place to let its 597 horses roam free.

Exotic-car manufacturers love to say their models are race cars for the street, but this Speciale from Maranello, Italy-based Ferrari SpA comes perilously close. It's a faster, leaner and more focused model of an already fast and lean supercar, the 458 Italia. In other words, how about an extra dose of extreme with your excess?

Ferrari historically has made two types of cars: those with 12cylinder engines placed under the front hood, and those with V-8s in the center, behind the driver.

The former are generally grand-touring cars, ideal for zinging across Italy on the Autostrada, while the latter are best on the racetrack, where agility and low weight matter most.

The mid-engine placement affords ideal balance, allowing deft changes in direction. It also

Ferrari 458 Speciale



Engine: 4.5-liter V-8 with 597 horsepower and 398 pound-feet of foruse.

Transmission: Seven-speed double-clutch automated manual Gas mileage per gallon: 13 city, 17 highway.

Price as tested: \$336,210.

Best feature: Massive fun to drive on the track.

Worst features: Trying to find a legal road worthy of its potential.

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sounds fabulous keening at 8,000 revolutions per minute just behind your head.

Since the early 2000s, the Fiat SpA unit has produced hard-core versions of these mid-engine V-8 models, including the Challenge Stradale based on the 360 Modena and the 430 Scuderia from the F430. Still, after first driving the "conventional" Italia several years ago, I couldn't imagine how Ferrari was going to one-up

Then, hubris, they called it the Speciale. Way to point out where you're going to hit a home run before you're even at bat, Ferrari. Best bring the goods.

So, yes, I'll be needing a racetrack to squeeze all the juice from this car.

A couple of hours later, observed but unmolested by the local constabulary, I arrive at the Monticello Motor Club in upstate

New York. There is a small commotion among members. The Speciale is like a special-grade weapon out here, and this is the first time anyone has seen it. Look, multimillionaires are taking mobile-phone pictures of my car.

Owners won't race the Speciale. Ferrari has a 458 model for that, the Challenge, and its own race secries. Instead, many will drive it up to a private racetrack like Monticello, spend the afternoon slinging it around at phenomenal speeds, then amble slowly back home. It's like a day of golf, only with helmets, spiking adrenaline and paramedics always on call.

The Speciale's \$288,000 starting price is before gas guzzler taxes or destination charges. My test model comes to \$336,210. The obvious question is, what makes it that much more special than the \$234,000 Italia?

More power, clearly, as sure an ingredient as cream and butter in any French dish. The Speciale gets 597 horsepower and 398 pound-feet of torque from its 4.5-liter V-8, which is truly significant for an engine without the aid of turbochargers or superchargers.

It also looks more intense than the Italia, with a big scoop in the sexy hood, dart-like fins hanging off the side that help channel air, and a flipped-up trunk/spoiler. Ferrari is knee-deep in aerodynamic R&D, and like an airplane, the Speciale employs a series of flaps that variously open, close or deploy to keep the car better planted on the asphalt at high velocity or make it easier to turn at lower speeds.

Very cool and trick and all, but the stuff you'll actually notice is that the car has no carpeting, no radio and no navigation system. There's no leather, both heads are exposed, and most things you touch are made of carbon fiber. Your feet rest on a sheath of aluminum.

Ferrari was relentless in pursuit of weight savings, so the Speciale is almost 200 pounds lighter than the Italia thanks to criteria like the minimalist interior. (Asking owners to lose a few pounds would be rude, one supposes.) Yet, unlike its predecessor, the track-oriented 430 Scuderia, the Speciale still feels luxurious and precious. But ultimately, this isn't a car to

gawk at or brag about. It's a car to drive hard, to pummel, to fall in love with at 150 mph. I strap on a helmet, switch the

steering-wheel-mounted control to "race," and roll out. The V-8's song is already tickling my limbic system. Much of the joy of driving a Ferrari comes from the sound alone. Yes, it's fast. Yes, the carbon-

Yes, it's fast. Yes, the carbonceramic brakes are great. But it's a technical uphill corner when the Speciale suddenly comes alive underneath me. I've taken his turn in real race cars and in McLarens and Porsches and Corvettes. You always have to let off the gas here and be patient. In the Ferrari I'm still on the

accelerator, left wheels riding the curbing, gaining speed instead of shedding it. What manner of physics is this? Call it Maranello magic. The

Call it Maranello magic. The brains of cars are becoming ever more like artificial intelligence, using electronic stability and traction control to keep drivers out of trouble. This usually means cutting power at key moments. Yet Ferrari has specifically

Yet Ferrari has specifically tuned the electronics to allow the car to slide, to wag its tail out, to let the driver have more fun, while still keeping the car in check — and from spinning off the track.

They know there are limits to buyers' driving skills, and to buyers' driving skills, and the speciale would put most of us well over those limits. So the system basically intuits what a driver wants to do, and then arm-wrestles with physics to make it happen.

Ferrari dubs this "Side Slip Angle Control." Most owners will simply call it fun. It lets you get away with things you might not think possible, or that are less than prudent in a car this expensive.

After I've done a number of efficient, fast laps, I start to play—a little extra gas at the exit of a corner here, a quick waggle of the steering wheel there. The car gets a little sideways, drifts through corners.

It's not the fastest way around, but it's earning me all kinds of imaginary style points.

I expected the car to be fast and hard-core. I just didn't expect it to be so playful, so much silly fun. So, well, joyous. Plenty special enough to earn its name.



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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man playing violin at courthouse naked jailed

PORTLAND naked man playing violin in front of a downtown Portland courthouse refused to walk to a squad car under his own power and had to be carried by police.

Police said they aren't sure of the man's identity. He told them his name is Matthew T. Mglej and that he is 25.

The man was jailed under the Portland city code forbidding indecent exposure.

Police said they warned the man numerous times about his "lack of attire," but said he re-fused to dress himself or to leave public view.

City police refrain from enforcing the indecent-exposure code during Portland's World Naked Bike Ride, which draws about 8,000 riders each year, as long as participants keep to the ride

New veterans memorial features WWII Jeep

TOLEDO Auto workers in the northern Ohio city that has been making Jeeps since World War II have dedicated a new veterans memorial.

The memorial that features a restored Toledo-built military Jeep is just outside Chrysler's assembly plant in Toledo where they continue to build new Jeep models. The plant's manager said that

the company has been looking for a way to honor men and women who served in the military.

He said they decided to combine Jeep's history with honoring the veterans.

Willys-Overland built about 360,000 Jeeps in Toledo during World War II.

The vehicles were built to be versatile as war spread across Europe and Asia. They were used as troop carriers, gun mounts and makeshift ambulances

Boater dies after jump into lake to save dog

PALM HARBOR - Authorities said a man_died after jumping from a boat into a Tampa Bay-area lake to save a dog that had jumped overboard.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office said the dog was returned safely Saturday to the pontoon boat on Lake Tarpon, but the 70-yearold man disappeared underwater. The man's body was found Sun-

day morning. His name was not released.

Meanwhile, the Coast Guard says it worked with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to make several rescues Saturday in Jacksonville waterways. Among those needing rescue were two men and a 10year-old boy whose boat became stuck on top of a jetty.

Honest people turn in cash found around city

BLOOMINGTON Several people turned THE CENSUS

The number of wild horses to be rounded up in southern Utah by the Bureau of Land Management in a plan that is mocked by local officials. Calling it a "slap in the face," Iron County commissioners say the number is only a fraction of the population that is edging cattle and elk out of drought-plagued Utah pastures. The strong words mark the latest development in a quarrel between the two sides over the wild horses.





Veterans on parade

Members of the Korean War Veterans Association Shenandoah Valley Chapter 313 in Winchester, Va., wave at parade watchers during the Newtown Heritage Festival Parade on Saturday in Stephens City, Va.

in stacks of cash to police after they found the money scattered around Bloomington.

Bloomington police officers were called to several locations where people found money Thursday.

Police in the southern Indiana city of about 82,000 people didn't have an exact count of the cash Friday, but Sgt. Joe Crider said that it's in the "high thousands."

Police turned in money to police, court bailiffs and the mayor's office.

A 49-year-old man checked himself into a local hospital for a mental health evaluation after telling police he had discarded the money.

University closes animal rehabilitation program

BIDDEFORD - The BIDDEFORD — The University of New England has closed a rehabilitation center for injured or stranded marine animals because seal colonies that were threatened have rebounded.

The Marine Animal Rehabilitation and Conservation program has been running since 2001, rehabilitating more than 1,000 seals and releasing them back into the

Officials said the gray and har-

bor seal populations that were endangered have rebounded.

Bottle bomb device explodes at theater

FAIRFAX - Officials said that for the second time in a week, someone set off a bottle bomb at a movie theater complex in Fairfax County, leading to the evacuation of the theater but no injuries.

Fairfax County fire officials said the latest incident happened about 2 a.m. Sunday at the AMC Tysons Corner 16 movie theater. The device exploded near the end of a showing of the new X-Men movie. More than 300 people were evacuated from the theater. Two juveniles were exposed to the liquid inside the bottle but were not hurt.

Officials are investigating to see if the incident is connected to one May 18 in which two explosions occurred.

A similar incident took place early Saturday at a theater in Largo, Md. No one was injured.

Class to bridge gaps in **US, German cultures**

BIRMINGHAM group that promotes business and relationships between Alabama and Germany is offering a class to bridge cultural gaps between the countries.

The AlabamaGermany Partnership is bringing in a consultant from Tennessee for a half-day program on cross-cultural training. German-owned Mercedes-

Benz is a major employer in the state, and Germans played a key role in building Huntsville into a major space and rocket hub. The aim of the class is to help

Americans become more comfortable in dealing with colleagues and clients from Germany.

The event is being held June 3 in Birmingham.

Police seek attacker who used fudge bar

ROCK HILL - Authorities in South Carolina say a man who was not in good humor smacked an ice cream truck driver with a fudge bar in a dispute over correct change after his daughter bought the frozen confection.

The ice cream vendor told Rock Hill police the man accused her of not giving his daughter correct change after a nurchase That's when the fudge bar was employed as a weapon.

Police officers who responded to the call Wednesday reported they saw a red mark on the driver's arm.

The driver gave officers a description of the man and the white

truck he was driving.

The police report did not say whether he took the fudge bar with him.

Bigfoot Day draws about 50 enthusiasts

CLEARFIELD PA CLEAKI enthusiasts

converged on a northern Pennsylvania town to swap theories about the creatures. About 50 Bigfoot enthusiasts

met Saturday in Clearfield, and they fell into one of three camps. The first group believes that

Bigfoot is a "cryptozoological hominid creature." The second group thinks Bigfoot is an extraterrestrial with ties to UFOs or other aliens. The third group believes the Bigfoot types envisioned by the other groups are two different creatures.

Eric Altman, director of the Pennsylvania Bigfoot Society, traces the legend of Bigfoot-type creatures to pre-Colonial Native Americans and newspaper ac-counts of "wildmen" as far back as 1838. He says the term Bigfoot wasn't used before 1958.

From wire reports

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es McAvoy, left, and Patrick Stewart star in "X-Men: Days of Future Past," which made \$91 million over the weekend.

Mutants topple monster

'X-Men' makes \$91 million, takes box-office lead from 'Godzilla'

By Jessica Herndon

A team of mutants overpowered one massive mutant monster at the box office during the Memorial Day holiday.

"X-Men: Days of Future Past" debuted with \$91 million to beat last weekend's No. 1 hit, the science-fiction adventure "Godzilla," which earned \$31.4 million in its second weekend, according to

studio estimates Sunday.
"Days of Future Past" is estimated to earn nearly \$110 million during the four-day extended holiday weekend, which would make it the fifth highest Memorial Day opener just after last year's \$117 million-grossing "Fast & Furious 6." "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" had the highest Memorial holiday debut ever with \$140 million in 2007.

It appears the attention "Days of Future Past" director Bryan Singer has received lately due a sexual assault lawsuit didn't deter fans from flocking to the theater. The director dropped out of doing any press for the film following the allegations because he didn't want to divert attention from the movie.

"Days of Future Past" is the second-highest opener in the "X-Men" franchise after Brett Ratner's "X-Men: The Last Stand" debuted over Memorial Day weekend with \$123 million in 2006 The film brings together a massive star-studged cast including Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence, Halle Berry, Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Peter

Dinklage and Ellen Page. Globally, "Days of Future Past" opened No. 1 in 119 countries with \$262 million, the highest grossing opening weekend world-wide of the "X-Men" franchise and the biggest Fox International opening weekend ever.

"This is a franchise that started back in 2000, which predated the first 'Spider-Man' movie by two years, so 'X-Men' started the renaissance in the world of big superhero movies," said Paul Der-

garabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. The romantic comedy "Blended" debuted at No. 3 with a lack-luster \$14.2 million. In the movie, Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore team up for the third time.

The Seth Rogen and Zac Efron-starring lewd comedy "Neighbors" took in \$14 million as it crosses the \$100 million mark do-

mestically with \$114 million overall.

"The Amazing Spider-Man 2" rounds out the top five with \$8 million in its fourth weekend. "Million Dollar Arm," starring Jon Hamm, made \$7.1 million in its second weekend.

Kardashian, West marry

Kim Kardashian and Kanve West are officially "Bound" to each other.

The celebrity couple, who have made a habit of over-the-top, public displays of affection, got hitched May 24 in a decidedly private spot: a Renaissance fortress in Florence, Italy. The nuptials were confirmed to The Associated Press by Kardashian's representative. E! Online reported the wedding party consisted of Kardashian's sisters, and stepfather Bruce Jenner walked her down the aisle. Andrea Bocelli and John Legend sang at the reception.

In the days before the nuptials, the pair held court in Paris, parading in front of photographers for pre-wedding

West, 36, proposed to Kardashian, 33, in October. He rented out San Francis-co's AT&T Park to pop the question. But when it came to the wedding,

media was only able to get photos of the many celebrity guests at the wedding. It is the first marriage for West, and

the third for Kardashian.

'Ant-Man' director shakeup

Edgar Wright and "Ant-Man" are going their separate ways.

The British filmmaker said in a joint statement with Marvel on Friday that the director and studio had differences over their vision for the film, so they made an "amicable" decision to part.

Marvel announced in 2012 that it tapped Wright to bring its smallest su-perhero to the screen. Paul Rudd is set to play Ant-Man, a scientist who can

shrink himself to the size of an insect. Marvel says the film's release date remains July 2015, and a new director will be announced shortly.

Other news

■ Authorities say rapper Wiz Khalifa has been arrested in El Paso, Texas, over the weekend for marijuana possession. Khalifa was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and was released after posting \$300 bail.

■ Miley Cyrus obtained a temporary restraining order May 23 against an Arizona man who was detained by police May 16 while trying to meet the singer-actress.

■ Barbara Walters is giving a trove of tapes, papers and photos from her five decades in journalism to Sarah Lawrence College, her alma mater in suburban New York. ■ Donald Levine, the Hasbro execu-

tive credited as the father of G.I. Joe for developing the world's first action figure, died of cancer May 22. He was 86.

■ Emma Watson, the British actress best known for her role in the Harry Potter movies, graduated from Brown University in Rhode Island on May 25 with a bachelor's degree in English literature.

■ Bunny Yeager, a model turned pinup photographer who helped jump-start the career of the then-unknown Bettie Page, died May 25, her agent said. She was 85 years old.

■ The wife of ailing radio personality Casey Kasem was served May 23 with a California court order that temporarily suspends her powers to determine her husband's medical care amid concerns about his health and welfare. The order also expands daughter Kerri Kasem's authority to determine whether her father, who's now in Washington state, is receiving adequate medical care.

Turkish drama wins top prize at Cannes

By Jake Coyle and Thomas Adamson The Associated Press

The richly ruminative Chekhovian drama "Winter Sleep" was awarded the Palme d'Or on May 24, bestowing the Cannes Film Festival's top honor on an intimate, wintery epic set on Turkey's Anatolian steppe.

Director Nuri Bilge Cevlan accepted the award, handed out by Quentin Tarantino and Uma Thurman at the French Riviera festival. In his speech, Ceylan alluded to anti-government protests in Istanbul that began a year ago and have raged following a recent deadly mining disaster.

"I want to dedicate the prize to the young people in Turkey and those who lost their lives during the last year," said Ceylan.

For the second year in a row, Cannes awarded its top honor to a film running more than three hours. The French lesbian coming-of-age tale "Blue Is the Warmest Color" won the Palme in 2013; this year,

the jury, headed by Jane Campion, opted for Ceylan's meditative character study about a retired actor running a hotel and lording over his village tenants.

Campion called "Winter Sleep," which

has a three-hour, 16 minute running time, 'masterful" and "ruthless."

Accepting the award, Ceylan, who has twice won Cannes' second-highest honor, the Grand Prix, noted it was the 100th anniversary of Turkish cinema.

"It's a beautiful coincidence," he said. "Winter Sleep" is the second film by a Turkish director to win the Palme d'Or following Yilmaz Guney and Serif Goren's The Way" in 1982.

Julianne Moore won best actress for her performance in David Cronenberg's dark

Hollywood satire "Maps to the Stars."

Best actor went to Timothy Spall, who stars as British painter J.M.W. Turner in Mike Leigh's biopic "Mr. Turner." He spoke emotionally about a long, humble career that has often gone without such

"I've spent a lot of time being a bridesmaid," said the veteran character actor. This is the first time I've ever been a

Bennett Miller ("Capote," "Moneyball") won best director for his wrestling drama "Foxcatcher." Miller dedicated his award to his stars Channing Tatum, Steve Carell and Mark Ruffalo, as well as producer Megan Ellison.

The jury prize was shared by the odd-est of couples: Xavier Dolan's "Mommy" and Jean-Luc Godard's "Goodbye to Language." The two were the oldest (Godard is 83) and youngest (Dolan is 25) directors at the festival.

"Goodbye to Language" is a 3-D arthouse sensation from the ever-experimental French master (who sent a short film in his absence from Cannes). "Mommy" is a French-language mother-son drama shot in an Instagram-like 1:1 aspect ratio . STARS AND STRIPES. Tuesday, May 27, 2014

BUSINESS/WEATHER

E-cigarette flavors draw fire on names

By Michael Felberbaum The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - Owners of brands geared toward children of all ages are battling to keep notable names like Thin Mint, Tootsie Roll and Cinnamon Toast Crunch off the flavored nicotine used in electronic cigarettes.

General Mills Inc., the Girl Scouts of the USA and Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. are among several companies that have sent cease-and-desist letters to makers of the liquid nicotine demanding they stop using the brands and may take further legal action if necessary. They want to make sure their brands aren't being used to sell an addictive drug or make it appealing to children.

The actions highlight the debate about the array of flavors available for the battery-powered devices that heat a liquid nicotine solution, creating vapor that users inhale. The Food and Drug Administration last month proposed regulating electronic cigarettes but didn't immediately ban fruit or candy flavors, which are barred for use in regular cigarettes because of the worry that the flavors are used to appeal to

It's growing pains for the industry that reached nearly \$2 billion in sales last year in the face of looming regulation. E-cigarette users say the devices address both the addictive and behavioral aspects of smoking without the thousands of chemicals found in regular cigarettes.

There are about 1,500 e-liquid makers in the U.S. and countless others abroad selling vials of nicotine from traditional tobacco to cherry cola on the Internet and in retail stores, often featuring photos of the popular treats. Using a brand name like Thin Mint or Fireball conjures up a very specific flavor in buyers' minds, in a way that just "mint chocolate" or "cinnamon" doesn't.

"Using the Thin Mint name

- which is synonymous with Girl Scouts and everything we do to enrich the lives of girls - to market e-cigarettes to youth is deceitful and shameless," Girl Scouts spokeswoman Kelly Parisi said in a statement. Thin Mints are one type of cookie sold by Girl Scouts to fund their organization.

The issue of illegally using well-known brands on e-cigarette products isn't new for some. For a couple of years, cigarette makers R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and Philip Morris USA have fought legal battles with websites selling e-cigarette liquid capitalizing on their Camel and Marlboro brand names and imagery. The companies have since released their own e-cigarettes but without using their top-selling brand names.

"It's the age-old problem with an emerging market" said Linc Williams, board member of the American E-liquid Manufacturing Standards Association and executive at NicVape Inc., "As companies goes through their maturity process of going from being a wild entrepreneur to starting to establish real corporate ethics and product stewardship, it's something that we're going to continue to see

Williams said his company is renaming many of its liquids to names that won't be associated with well-known brands. Some companies demanded

NicVape stop using names such as Junior Mints on their liquid nicotine. In other cases, the company is taking proactive steps to removing imagery and names like gummy bear that could be appealing to children.

'Unfortunately it's not going to change unless companies come in and assert their intellectual property," he said.

That's what companies are starting to do more often as the industry has rocketed from thousands of users in 2006 to several million worldwide, bringing the

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Dollar buys (May 26)	€0.7153
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Djokovic on to 2nd round

2012 women's champ Sharapova cruises 6-1, 6-2 over Pervak

By Chris Lehourites The Associated Press

PARIS - Novak Djokovic and Maria Sharapova successfully dealt with the wet weather and their opponents Monday at the French Open.

Both former No. 1 players advanced to the second round at Roland Garros, playing through rain and rain delays.

Djokovic beat Joao Sousa of Portugal 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 despite being broken three times, including while serving for the match for the first time.

The second-seeded Serb was leading 4-1 when rain halted play on Court Philippe Chatrier, but it restarted about an hour later.

In the second set, a short

shower stopped play for only a few minutes. Djokovic, wearing a white rain jacket, used the time to entertain the crowd by chatting with a ball boy and letting the youngster sit alongside him on the bench.

At one point, Djokovic grabbed the umbrella out of the ball boy's hand and in return gave him a racket. Then Djokovic handed him a bottle of Perrier, and the two clinked bottles before taking

Djokovic can complete a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open.

Sharapova, the 2012 champion, was first on court in the main stadium and needed little more than an hour to beat Ksenia Pervak 6-

"It's always nice to get out there on a day like this. It's good to play first match, as you know, Sharapova said. "Hopefully you'll be able to finish the match today with the weather conditions being as they are. It's always nice to get through."

Sharapova broke Pervak five times and finished with 17 winners, while Pervak had only four.

Sharapova, seeded seventh at the French Open, completed a career Grand Slam at Roland Garros two years ago. She then lost to Serena Williams in the 2013 final.

Up next in Paris will be Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria in the second round. But she could face Williams in the quarterfinals.



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Sunday's scores

FAR WEST Stanford 9, Utah 7

Stanford 9, Utah 7

VEST 1

Arizona 14, Abliene Christian 1

Arizona 54, 6, Washington St. 3

Southern Call 3, Oregon St. 1

Washington TOURNAMENTS

WACAD POINT ST. (Mankatt) 2

Seton Hill 4, Minn. St. (Mankatt) 2

Lolendo Messa 5, St. Thomas Aquinas

4, 10 innings

RCAD Division III

S. Maine 11, Baldwin-Wallace 5

Emory 9, Cortland 7

Land Wallace 5

Land St. Common St. 1

Land St. 1

(Minn.) 4

America East Conference
Binghamton 8, Stony Brook 7, 12 innings
American Athletic Conference

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Houston 10, Jouisville 4
Houston 10, Jouisville 10, Houston 10,

Siema S, Canisius I
Mid-American Conference
Kent St. 3, Akron 0
Mountain West Conference
San Diego St. 4, UNIV 3
Acksonville St. 4, Tennessee Tech 2
Southeastern Conference
LSU 2, Florida 0,
Southern Conference
Georgia Southern 4, Samford 3 Sun Belt Conference
Louisiana-Lafayette 6, Texas-Arlington 5

Western Athletic Conference Sacramento St. 10, Utah Valley 3

College softball

NCAA Division I Super Regionals

(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
Host school is home team for Game 1: visiting school is home team for Game 2; coin flip determines home team for

ame 3 At Tallahassee, Fla. Michigan 17, Florida State 3 Florida State 6, Michigan 0 Florida State 4, Michigan 2, FSU ad-

At Tuscaloosa, Ala. Alabama 6, Nebraska 5, 12 innings Alabama 2, Nebraska 1, Alabama ad-

At Athens, Ga. Baylor 9, Georgia 1 Baylor 6, Georgia 3, Baylor advances At Lafayette, La. Louisiana-Lafayette 5, Arizona 3 Louisiana-Lafayette 7, Arizona 1, ULL

At Norman, Okla. Oklahoma 8, Tennessee 1 Tennessee 4, Oklahoma 0

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College lacrosse

Men's NCAA Division I tournament

Semifinals Semifinals Saturday, May 24 At M&T Bank Stadium Baltimore Duke 15, Denver 12 Notre Dame 11, Maryland 6 Monday, May 26 At M&T Bank Stadio Baltimore Duke vs. Notre Dame

Pro soccer

MLS										
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n	5	7	2	17	16					

Houston	5	7	2	17	16	24	
Columbus	4	4	4	16	15	14	
New York	3	5	5	14	19	21	
Foronto FC	4	4	1	13	11	11	
Chicago	2	3	6	12	19	21	
Philadelphia	2	7	5	11	16	24	
Montreal	1	6	4	7	9	22	
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Seattle	8	3	2	26	25	21	
Real Salt Lake	6	0	6	24	23	13	
Colorado	5	4	3	18	16	15	

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point for tie. Wednesday's games Wednesday's games
D.C. United 2, Houston 0
Los Angeles 2, FC Dallas 1
Friday's game
Sporting Kansas City 2, Toronto FC 2,

Saturday's games
Vancouver 2, Seattle FC 2, tie
Portland 2, New York 1
Columbus 2, Chicago 0
New England 2, D.C. United 1
Colorado 4, Montreal 1 Real Salt Lake 0, FC Dallas 0, tie Sunday's games Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 1 Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 1 San Jose 3, Houston 0 Tuesday, May 27 New York at Sporting Kansas City Wednesday, May 28 Portland at Chivas USA Saturday, May 31 Real Salt Lake at Seattle FC Columbus at Toronto FC Sporting Kansas City at L.C. United

New England at Montreal San Jose at FC Dallas Philadelphia at Chivas USA Sunday, June 1 Los Angeles at Chicago.

Houston at Colorado Vancouver at Portland

Sunday Earthquakes 3. Dynamo 0

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Salinas, 38th minute.
Second half—1, San Jose, Stephenson 2
(penalty kick), 58th. 3, San Jose, Harris
1,70th.

70th. **Goalies**—Houston, Tally Hall; San Jose,

Jon Busch.
Yellow Cards—Lenhart, San Jose, A-10.525 (10.526)

Galaxy 4, Union 1

Philadelphia Philadeppiia
Los Angeles
First half—1, Los Angeles, Leonardo 1
(Donovan), 2nd minute.
Second half—2, Los Angeles, Donovan

1 (Keane), 49th. 3, Los Angeles, Keane 7, 64th. 4, Los Angeles, Donovan 2 (Ke-ane), 81st. 5, Philadelphia, Edu 3 (penalty kick), 88th. Goalies—Philadelphia, Zac MacMath:

Los Angeles, Jaime Penedo.

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Chicago	5	2	1	16	13	6	
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Portland	4	2	2	14	9	6	
Western NY	3	3	2	11	13	11	
Nashington	3	4	1	10	14	16	
Sky Blue FC	2	3	4	10	10	13	
Houston	1	6	1	4	6	16	
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Portland at Boston
Saturday, May 31
Houston at Western New Y
Sunday, June 1
Seattle FC at Sky Blue FC

Washington at Boston

Auto racing

Indv 500

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway Indianapolis, Ind.
Lap length: 2.5 miles (Starting position in parentheses)
1. (19) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Horda, 200, Running.
2. (4) Hello Castroneves, Dallara-Chev-Zun Chevaltara-Chev-

rolet, 200, Running. 3. (6) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda,

Chevrolet, 200, Running. 6, (12) Kurt Busch, Dallara-Honda, 200,

let, 200, Running. 11. (18) Oriol Servia, Dallara-Honda,

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19. (23) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running. 200, Running. 20. (13) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running. 21. (15) Mikhail Aleshin, Dallara-Hon-

da, 198, Running. 22. (14) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda,

3. (6) Marco Andrews. 200, Running. 4. (7) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running. 5. (10) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-

6. (12) Kurt Busun, Danida i Orto.
Running.
7. (17) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running.
8. (3) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running.
9. (31) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet,

200, Running. 10. (9) J.R. Hildebrand, Dallara-Chevro-

11. (a) Olio 0, Running. 12. (5) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Hon-,200, Running. 13. (24) Alex Tagliani, Dallara-Honda,

13. (24) Alex Tagliani, илипастильсь, 200, Running, 14. (27) Jacques Villeneuve, Dallara-Honda, 200, Ryunning, 15. (32) Sebastian Saavedra, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running, 16. (28) James Davišon, Dallara-Chev-rolet, 200, Running, 17. (21) Carlos Huertas, Dallara-Hon-da-200. Running.

da, 200, Running. 18. (30) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevro-

Golf

Colonial Par

PAA
Sunday
At Colonial Country Club
Fort Worth, Texas
Purse: \$6.4 million
Yardage: 7,204; Par: 70
(x-won on third playoff hole)
x-A. Scott, \$1,152,000
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avid Toms, \$216,960 72-66-65-70-273 Chappell, \$153,600 68-73-63-70-274 Matsuyama, \$153,60069-70-64-71 H. Matsuyama, \$153,60005-70-04-71-2-7 M. Thompson, \$153,600 73-66-69-66-274 Jimmy Walker, \$153,60067-68-69-70-274 Brian Davis, \$102,400 68-67-70-70-275 G. DeLaet, \$102,400 69-70-68-68-275 G. DeLaet, \$102,400 D. Johnson, \$102,400 Chris Kirk, \$102,400 J. Spieth, \$102,400 Chris Stroud, \$102,400 Bo Van Pelt, \$102,400 Bud Cauley, \$58,453 David Hearn, \$58,453 G. McNeill, \$58,453 Tim Clark, \$58,453 65,70,74,66 73-64-67-71-275 67-69-70-69-275 70-64-69-72 67-68-70-70-275 70-69-69-68-276 67-69-74-66-276 68-72-68-68-276 67-68-69-72-276 Bill Haas, \$58,453 Russell Knox, \$58,453 70-68-69-69-276 71-70-66-69-276 Marc Leishman, \$58,45369-68-67-72—276 Ben Martin, \$58,453 70-68-69-69—276 W. McGirt, \$58,453 72-67-67-70—276 70-68-69-69-276 Chad Campbell, \$37,20 B. de Jonge, \$37,200 H. English, \$37,200 ce Garnett, \$37,200 67-66-74-70-Brian Harman, \$37,200 B. Hurley III, \$37,200 Martin Laird, \$37,200 69-67-68-73-277 71-67-70-69-277 Heath Slocum, \$37,200 R. Allenby, \$26,240 Jerry Kelly, \$26,240 Danny Lee, \$26,240 69-69-69-70-277 L. Oosthuizen, \$26,240 M. Putnam, \$26,240 Robert Streb, \$26,240 Josh Teater, \$26,240 72-68-67-71-278 70-71-68-69-278 66-68-74-70-278 68-71-70-69-278 ## Strong | D. Summerhays, \$15,061 A. Baddeley, \$15,061 Ken Duke, \$15,061 69-71-73-67-280 68-67-71-74-280 67-72-69-72-280 Ken Duke, \$15,061 C. Hoffman, \$15,061 Tim Wilkinson, \$15,061 Brian Gay, \$14,336 J.J. Henry, \$14,336 J. Leonard, \$14,336 70-68-69-73-280 66-71-69-74-280 71-69-72-69-281 70-70-68-73-281 69-72-70-70-281

BMW Championship

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At Wenthyoth Club I, England
Purse: \$6.1 million
Yardage: 7,302; Par: 72
Final
Fin 68-71-69-66-274 64-70-73-68-275 62-72-67-75-276 71-67-68-70-276 Simon Dyson, England Marcel Siem, Germany 69-74-69-67-279 69-71-72-68-280

mas Aiken, South Afr icesco Molinari, Italy 68-72-70-70-280 Pablo Larrazabal, Spain Alexander Levy, France 69-71-69-71-280 71-73-70-67-281 Martin Kaymer, Germany Chris Doak, Scotland Joost Luiten, Netherlands 69-72-69-71-281

198, Running. 23, (29) Martin Plowman, Dallara-Hon-

da, 196, Running.
24. (22) Pippa Mann, Dallara-Honda,
193, Running.
25. (25) Townsend Bell, Dallara-Chevplat, 190, Contact

25. (25) TOWNSERIO DEIL, DARRIGA-CHEV rolet, 190, Contact. 26. (16) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevro-let, 177, Running. 27. (1) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevro-let, 175, Contact. 28. (22) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Hon-

da, 175, Contact. 29. (11) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 167, Contact. 30. (8) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Hon-

30. (8) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda, 156, Contact.
31. (26) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 149, Contact.
32. (33) Buddy Lazier, Dallara-Chevrolet, 87. Mechanical.
33. (20) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 44, Electrical.

33. (20) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 44, Electrical. Race Statistics: Winners average speed; 185.583. Time of Race; 240.482.095. Maryin of Victory. 0,06500 seconds. Maryin of Victory. 0,06500 seconds. Lead Changes: 34 among 11 drivers. Lead Changes: 34 drivers. Lead

Points: Hunter-Reay 274, Power 234, Castroneves 220, Pagenaud 211, Andretti

192, Munoz 160, Montoya 152, Bourdais 143, Dixon 132, Wilson 123.

da. 19

Airbus Classic

LPGA Sunday At Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magno-lia Grove, The Crossings Mobile, Ala. Purse: \$1.3 million

Yarrange: 5,564; Pal: 12

J. Korda, S192, 96

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A Nordovist, S120, 962

Geof-66-69-269

Charley Hull, \$70,089

Geof-67-16-72-70

Michelle Wie, \$70,089

Geof-67-70-69-270

Jenny Shin, \$44,703

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Senior PGA Championship

Sunday At Harbor Shores Golf Course Benton Harbor, Mich. Purse: TBA (\$2 million in 2013) Yardage: 6,852; Par: 71

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Bill Glasson, \$28,167
Mike Goodes, \$28,167
70-74-73-65-282
Jeff Sluman, \$28,167
70-72-77-70-282
John Cook, \$19,500
70-72-68-73-283
Gary Hallberg, \$19,500
71-69-72-71-283 Scott Simpson, \$19,500 | 11-69-12-11-283 | Joey Sindelar, \$19,500 | 69-712-72-70-283 | Greg Bruckner, \$15,300 | 69-71-73-71-284 | Carl Mason, \$15,300 | 73-71-70-70-284 | Carl Mason, \$15,300 | 73-71-88-70-284 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | 70-70-72-72-284 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | 70-70-72-72-284 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | 70-70-72-72-284 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | 70-70-72-72-84 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | T2-71-88-74-85 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | T2-71-88-74-85 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 | T2-71-88-74-85 | Urly Waldorf, \$15,300 Steve Lowery, \$12,833 69-73-71-72-John Riegger, \$12,833 78-67-70-70-

Tennis

French Open Monday At Stade Roland Garros Paris
Purse: \$34.12 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor Singles Men First round

First round
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Joao
Sousa, Portugal, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4,
Martin Kitzan, Siovakia, def. Kei Nishikori (9), Japan, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4,
Martin Kitzan, Siovakia, def. Kei Nishikori (9), Japan, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4,
Kevin Anderson (19), South Africa xStephane Robert, France, Postponed
Marin Cilic (25), Croatia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-6, 8-2, 7-6 (6),
Martin Cilic (25), Croatia, def. Pablo AnDzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-3, 7-6
(6), 6-3.

(8), 6-3,

Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Niko lay Dayydenko, Russia, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2.

Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. David Gof-fin, Belgium, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4. Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 2-2, retired.

Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, 6-7 (3). 7-5, 6-2. Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, def. Romina Oprandi, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-2.

Deals

Sunday's transactions BASEBALL

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TOS ANGELES AND SERVENT TO SAIL LAKE (PCL) for a rehab as TOSONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned RHP Semil Rogers outright to Buffalo (LL).

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with POPH Manny Ramirez on a minor league contract and of named him player-coach for CINCRIVAT IREDS — Sent RHP MAI Lates to Louisville (LL) for a rehab assignment. rt to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab as

tos to Edulastic (1-), ment. MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned INF Jeff Bianchi outright to Nashville (PCL). Recalled RHP Jimmy Nelson from Hunts-Mila (SL). viile (SL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed 3B
Cody Asche on the 15-day DL. Recalled
RHP Justin De Fratus from Lehigh Valley
(IL).

(IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Designated RHPS
Billy Buckner and Blaine Boyer for assignment. Recalled INF/OF Tommy Medica
from EI Paso (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned

INF Zach Walters to Syracuse (IL). Rein stated 1B Adam LaRoche from 15-day DL.

Inexperienced US back line heads to Brazil

By JANIE MCCAULEY The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. - Matt Besler and Geoff Cameron might hear it from every angle if they were paying any attention or had a moment's spare time. They could be reminded every day that this is the first time since 1990 the U.S. heads to a World Cup with no central defenders having played previous minutes in soccer's showcase event.

And that makes an already daunting task in Group G much more challenging for the Americans, who face Ghana, Portugal and Germany next month in Brazil.

The competition for spots on the Americans' back line is fierce, leaving no time to analyze the group's inexperience.
"For us, there's nothing we can do about

it." Besler said before Sunday's training at Stanford Stadium. "We can't change the fact that we've never experienced a World Cup. We're looking at it as a great opportunity. We've never done it before but everyone is excited and really hungry to prove that we belong here and that we can do well.'

Nobody knows how the foursome will look for the team's World Cup opener June 16 against Ghana in Natal, yet coach Jur-gen Klinsmann will get a glimpse during an exhibition against Azerbaijan on Tuesday night at Candlestick Park. He has several choices for each defensive spot.

If there are concerns with Omar Gonzalez, who tweaked his left knee during a May 3 game with the Los Angeles Galaxy, Klinsmann might go with Cameron in the middle alongside Besler. Gonzalez has since returned to full training.
"I think the competition is healthy, and

it's definitely alive and well here," Gonzalez said. "Before I got injured, I was probably the fittest I've been in a very long time."

Cameron plays right back for Stoke in the Premier League but insists he only needs a couple of reps at center back in practice, scrimmages or exhibitions to find a groove again.

When you're playing against Man United, Chelsea, Everton, Tottenham, you're playing all the big boys every single week-end against the best competition, there's no room for mental errors, there's no complaining about how tired you are or this or that because the games come so quick," Cameron said. "For me, it was a learning process the first year. As the second year



JOHN SLEEZER, KANSAS CITY STAR/MC

Defenders Geoff Cameron, left, and Matt Besler are part of an inexperienced back line for the U.S. World Cup team. It's the first time since 1990 that the Americans enter a World Cup with no central defenders with playing time at a previous Cup.

comes, you get more comfortable, you're confident going into the other stadiums."

Besler, the 27-year-old Sporting Kansas City star who was the 2012 MLS Defender of the Year, has played in the middle with both Cameron and Gonzalez.

Cameron and Besler very well could start in the center back spots for the opener. Fabian Johnson or Timmy Chandler might play right back, though Johnson said he has seen regular time there.

"I played right back in all the scrimmag-

es so I'm ready for this position," Johnson

said Sunday. DaMarcus Beasley could be on the left as he looks to become the first American to play in four World Cups.

"It is different playing with different guys. Everyone has different styles," Besler said. "I think as a team we play the same but when you have different guys back there you have to make little adjustments depending on who's back there. But for me I have experience with both, I've played in World

Cup qualifiers with Geoff, with Omar. I feel comfortable with anyone, really.

If midfielder Jermaine Jones is suspended at some point for accumulation of yellow cards, Klinsmann might call upon Johnson in the defensive midfield.

While experience on the defense would certainly be preferred at this stage, goalkeeper Tim Howard will help everyone get

"All things considered, of course you'd like to have some guys back there who understand the rhythm and the pacing and the difference of a World Cup," said Alexi Lalas, a starting U.S. defender for the 1994 World Cup, former MLS general manager and current analyst. "This decision was made a long time ago, regardless of the final personnel, you knew you were going to have some World Cup inexperience out there. And we still don't know how the back four is going to look.

"With that being decided and the veterans no longer being part of the scene, it was about getting some sort of understanding, communication and comfort with the defense. That's really a much more important piece considering there's not going to be World Cup experience.

Cameron is considered a central defender by Klinsmann.

"I've said that over three years I think his best position is center back." Klinsmann said. "And it's good to know he can play right back, too, and it's good to know he can play a No. 6, too. Still I think his best fit, his best game for himself is the center back role."

Klinsmann isn't making a big deal about the team's lack of experience. Only five players among the 23 have appeared in a World Cup.

"The plan is to help them in that process, to get in that World Cup with a lot of confidence and being sure that they know what they're doing. In every training session we will work on those pieces and we will guide them through all the different things that happen during a game, preparing the best way possible for the opponents they face in the group stage already," Klinsmann said

of the defense.
"I'm sure they're going to be very well prepared and they will be ready for the task. There's always a first time in life in whatever you do. It's for some the first World Cup, though it's the first of hopefully many World Cups to come for them. I'm not worried about the inexperience."

MLS roundup

Donovan breaks league scoring mark in LA win

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. Landon Donovan broke the Major League Soccer goal record Sunday night, scoring his 135th and 136th regular-season goals in the Los Angeles Galaxy's 4-1 victory over the Philadelphia Union. Playing for



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World Cup Donoteam, van broke a tie with Jeff Cunningham in the 49th minwith his first goal of the

the first time

since being cut

from the U.S.

season, then added another in the 81st Donovan also holds the MLS playoff record with 22 goals. Donovan scored his first goal on a counterattack, passing to Robbie Keane, who took the ball

into the Union box and fed Donovan at the left post for an easy finish. After making it 4-0 in the 81st, Donovan was replaced by Brazilian forward Samuel a minute later, departing to a standing ovation from the crowd of 21,010. "It's been a long week," Dono-

van said. "It's hard not to make it about me, and I don't necessarily want it to be that way. But I've sacrificed a lot to be in the position I'm in and I was very happy for myself because I've dedicated a lot to this. I think I deserved

what happened today."

Donovan, also the U.S. national team goals leader with 57 in 156 games, has played 311 regularseason games in 15 MLS seasons. The Jamaican-born Cunningham, a former U.S. national team player, played in 365 games over 14 seasons with Columbus, Colorado, Real Salt Lake, Toronto FC and FC Dallas. He last played in MLS in 2011.

Donovan said he wasn't looking to make a statement after coach Jurgen Klinsmann's decision not to include him in the group headed to Brazil

"This is my job and this is what I get paid to do, so my teammates depend on me and I think I've played well this year, but I needed to contribute on the scoreboard, and that felt good," said Donovan, who was making his eighth appearance of the season.

"Obviously, a lot of relief in some ways, a lot of joy, but I feel like I'm in really good form right now, and I really feel good about how I played, and this is a contin-uation of how I've played over the last few months?

Donovan is No. 2 on the league's career assists list with 120, including one on Leonardo's second-minute header Sunday. Steve Ralston, a Houston Dynamo assistant coach who retired in 2010, has the record with 135.

That was the first goal for Los Angeles, with Donovan delivering a free kick for Leonardo to finish. Keane scored a third in the 64th minute after a turnover by Union defender Sheanon Williams.

Los Angeles (4-3-3) won consecutive games for the second time this season.

Philadelphia (2-7-5), which welcomed back midfielder Maurice Edu - also one of seven players trimmed from the 30-man World Cup preliminary roster - lost its second game in a row and fifth in the last six outings. The Union have won just once in their last dozen games.

Edu scored in the 88th minute Earthquakes 3, Dynamo 0: Khari Stephenson broke a nearly vearlong scoring drought with two goals to help host San Jose beat Houston to improve to 3-4-4.

SPORTS BRIEFS/NHL PLAYOFFS

Briefly

Psychiatric evaluation begins for Pistorius

JOHANNESBURG — Oscar Pistorius' murder trial began a new phase Monday when the Olympic athlete arrived at a state psychiatric hospital for a monthlong evaluation whose terms have been described by some as favorable to the double-amputee runner.

Pistorius, who killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in his home last year, sat in the passenger seat of a black sedan and spoke on a cellphone as he arrived behind a police van at

Weskoppies Psychiatric Hospital in Pretoria, the South African capital.

The judge who will deliver a verdict in the case asked the hospital to determine



if Pistorius had a mental disorder at the time of the shooting, which could affect whether he should be held criminally responsible.

Pistorius must arrive by 9 a.m. and can leave by 4 p.m. each weekday, and has weekends off under an order from Judge Thokozile Masipa. Pistorius, who is free on bail, has been staying at the up-scale Pretoria home of his uncle.

Scott wins PGA Colonial on third playoff hole

FORT WORTH, Texas - Adam Scott made a 7-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole Sunday to end his first week as the world's No. 1 player with a win at Colonial.

Jason Dufner, who made a 25foot birdie putt on No. 18 in regulation, slid a 40-footer past when he and Scott played the 18th hole for the second time during the playoff. Scott then made the 7-footer for his 11th PGA Tour victory.

In other golf news:

■ Jessica Korda won the Airbus LPGA Classic in Mobile, Ala., for her second victory of the year, birdieing four of the last five holes to break out of a tight pack.

Michelle Wie, 18-year-old Charley Hull and 44-year-old Catriona Matthew tied for third at 18 under. Wie and Hull shot 67, and Matthew had a 69

Rory McIlroy won the BMW PGA Championship at Virginia Water, England, overcoming a seven-stroke deficit with a 6under 66 for his first victory of the year. He finished at 14-under 274 at Wentworth for a one-stroke win over Ireland's Shane Lowry (68). England's Luke Donald (70) and Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (75) tied for third at 12 under. Bjorn took a five-stroke lead into the round

■ Colin Montgomerie won the Senior PGA Championship at Benton Harbor, Mich., finishing with a 6-under 65 for a four-stroke victory over 64-year-old Tom

Oregon St. top seed for NCAA baseball tourney

OMAHA, Neb. - Oregon State is the No. 1 national seed for the NCAA baseball tournament.

The Division I Baseball Committee on Monday made the Pac-12 champion Beavers (42-12) the top seed over SEC regular-season winner Florida (40-21). The other six national seeds are Virginia, Indiana Florida State Louisiana Lafayette, TCU and LSU.

The tournament opens Friday with 16 four-team, double-elimi-nation regionals. Best-of-three super regionals will be held next week, with those winners moving to the College World Series in Omaha.

Injured hamstring lands Mets' Young on DL

NEW YORK - The New York Mets have placed speedy outfielder Eric Young Jr. on the 15-day disabled list because of a strained right hamstring. Young said his leg had been sore for several days but felt a pull Saturday while stealing a base. He was held out of the Mets' doubleheader split against Arizona a day later and was placed on the DL, retroactive to May 25.

Chiefs sign first-round pick Ford to contract

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The Chiefs signed first-round pick Dee Ford on Saturday, putting the final player from this year's draft class under contract as the team began a three-day rookie minicamp.

Ford played defensive end at Auburn but the Chiefs view him as a pass-rushing outside linebacker



New York's Martin St. Louis celebrates his game-winning goal in overtime of Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday in New York. The Rangers won 3-2.

Rangers' St. Louis wins Game 4 in OT

By IRA PODELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Martin St. Louis found another way to lift up his New York Rangers teammates. This time he carried them within one win of the Stanley Cup finals.

What St. Louis lacks in physical size, he compensates with heart. Since he rejoined the club one day after the unexpected death of his mother, without missing a game, St. Louis has provided inspiration on and off the ice.

Now he also is delivering the clutch offense he has always been known for.

St. Louis scored his sixth goal of the playoffs 6:02 into overtime to give the Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals on Sunday night.

New York leads the series 3-1 and can advance to the Stanley Cup final for the first time since winning it 20 years ago as early as Tuesday night in Montreal.

"It's a big difference up 3-1 in-stead of 2-2 going back to Montreal," St. Louis said. "We were obviously disappointed with the result last game. We thought we played a good game. That's just hockey. Tonight we are on a good end, and it's a big plus."

A loose puck came to St. Louis, alone in the right circle, and he fired a snap shot over goalie Dustin Tokarski's shoulder

"I just got open," said St. Louis, who has 39 career playoff goals. "I tried to trust my instincts. I hit some good shots, he made some good saves. I was fortunate this one got by him."

The Rangers won after squandering a pair of one-goal leads.

"I just remember there was a turnover somewhere around the neutral zone. I'm not sure," Tokarski said. "St. Louis had some time and picked a corner on me. It's a game of inches.'

Carl Hagelin put the Rangers in front with a short-handed tally in the first period, and Derick Brassard made it 2-1 in the second. Hagelin also assisted on St. Louis' winner.

Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves and earned his 41st postseason win, tying the franchise re-cord of Mike Richter, who was in attendance. He also earned an assist on Brassard's goal for his first career postseason point

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Who Won? Find out who was voted the Best of the Pacific by Stars and Stripes readers! by Stars and Stripes readers!

Ibaka's return sparks Thunder in Game 3



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Thunder forward Serge Ibaka blocks a shot by Spurs forward Tim Duncan in the first quarter on Sunday in Oklahoma City.

His presence alters Spurs' shooting, rebounding edge

By CLIFF BRUNT The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY - Serge Ibaka knew playing on his injured leg would be painful. He didn't care

Oklahoma City's defensive star made a dramatic return Sunday night from what was thought to be a season-ending left calf strain. He started and scored 15 points to help the Thunder defeat the San Antonio Spurs 106-97 and cut the Spurs' lead in the Western Conference finals series to 2-1.

Ibaka had mentally prepared for the discomfort in the days leading up to the game. He said the pain was relative, given his early life struggles in the Republic of Congo.

"Well, pain is pain, and I don't want to be here to talk about the pain," he said after the game. "Most importantly, we got that win tonight, and the focus is about next game.

Ibaka missed the first two games of the series. The Thunder originally said he would miss the rest of the playoffs, but changed course Friday. He participated in the team's shootaround Sunday morning, then got positive feedback from the team's medical staff as the game approached.

The crowd roared when Ibaka's name was announced during pregame introductions, and it got even louder when Ibaka started playing. He scored the first points of the game on a 19-foot jumper.

Words can't describe it," Thunder forward Caron Butler

said. "It was a great moment. We just kind of rode that energy from the crowd, from the beginning, right out till the fourth quarter.

Ibaka had eight points, three rebounds and two blocks in just over six minutes of play in the first quarter. He went to an elliptical machine when he was not playing to stay loose. At one point, he took a fall and came up limping slightly before walking it off.

It was all worth it Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks took him out with 3:17 remaining and the Thunder ahead by 20.

"I was just trying to do my job, stay focused, do the best I can do to help my team," Ibaka said.

He made six of seven shots and his presence eased the pressure on Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook Westbrook had 26 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and Durant added 25 points and 10 rebounds.

On defense, Ibaka blocked and altered shots and used his still formidable mobility to close out on shooters. He had seven rebounds, four blocks and a seemingly endless amount of energy.

"Serge has put so much work in throughout the season that missing a couple of days didn't hurt him," Westbrook said. "Tonight, he jumped right back into where Manu Ginobili scored 23 points

and Tim Duncan added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs. The Thunder outrebounded the Spurs 52-36 after losing the

battle of the boards in the first

two games. San Antonio, which shot at least 50 percent in the first two games, shot just 40 percent on Sunday night. The first two games looked like a layup drill for the Spurs. This time, they were forced to reset numerous times. The passes were not as quick or as easy.

"I was very disappointed that we didn't come out with more of a foot-in-the-neck sort of attitude," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "They killed us on the boards, they beat us in 50-50 balls and that's very disappointing to me."

San Antonio had humiliated the Thunder 112-77 in Game 2.

"I knew that we were a better team than losing by 30," Brooks said. "It's not us. It was us that night, but we're a much better team than that I have a lot of respect for San Antonio, but they're not that much better than us.

Things were different from the start with Ibaka's return. Brooks also inserted speedy Reggie Jackson into the starting lineup in Thabo Sefolosha's place. Jackson finished with 15 points.

Twice in the final minute of the first half, Ginobili hit three-pointers, and both times, Westbrook answered with a three-pointer. The last one, with 0.6 seconds left, gave the Thunder a 57-53 lead.

Oklahoma City extended its lead to 83-76 at the end of the third quarter. A runner by Durant, then a three-pointer by Butler pushed the Thunder lead to 90-76 with just over 10 minutes to play.

Rested Wade makes an impact for Heat

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Wade rested.

The Associated Press MIAMI - This is why Dwyane

This is why the Miami Heat opted to go without their longtime franchise player for so many nights this season, why team-mates hoped their frustrations about playing without him for 28 regular-season games would ultimately be rewarded, why he often seemed more comfortable in a

News flash: The regular season didn't mean all that much to Wade and the Heat.

suit than a uniform.

Everything about the Miami franchise revolves around chasing more titles, and Wade is doing his part. He and the two-time defending NBA champion Heat took a 2-1 series lead over the Indiana Pacers into Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals on Monday night, and Wade - who is playing without any significant injury issues at this point of the season for the first time in years - is looking as good as he has in months.

T'm in the groove and the flow that I want to be in, and also understanding that the game of basketball is tricky," Wade said. "You can get out of it in a second, and vou've got to figure out a way still to compete and help your teammates win.

True, but that groove he's in is a pretty good one.

Here's how good he's been in the fourth quarters of these East finals: Wade has as many field goals in those three final periods - 13 — as any other two players in the series combined to this point. He's shooting 72 percent in fourth quarters in this series, including a 6-for-7 effort in the last 12 minutes of Game 1 and a 5-for-5 showing in the final period of

"We've got to make him a little bit more uncomfortable than he Pacers forward David West said. "He's just playing the game at way too high of a comfort level in terms of we're just not putting enough pressure on him. All the guys on the floor need to guard him and get him out of his comfort zone. He's really lining his shots up, taking his time, which we can't allow.

"He just can't be as comfort able as he's been.'

That sounds like things oppo-

nents were saying about Wade before the summer of 2010, when he helped lure LeBron James and Chris Bosh to Miami and formed the core of a team that is two wins from a fourth straight East title.

But after hearing plenty of talk in recent years that his game isn't so much declining as it is freefalling. Wade seems to be reveling in the reminders that, ves, he can still be among the elite players in the NBA.

The show Wade is putting on is so good right now that James wouldn't even leave to get some much-needed treatment for a hamstring cramp late in the third quarter of Game 3 until seeing what the 2006 NBA Finals MVP was going to do on Miami's final possession of the period Wade wound up connecting on a threepointer, after which James immediately hobbled off, basically unable to work one of his legs. Worth it, James said.

"That's what our team is built for," James said. "When one of the guys goes out, we're able to still hold the fort. It's great to see the way he closed out the quarter. The way he's been playing in the conference finals. We need it

James never really hid his frustration about playing without Wade though it never rose to the level of any obvious locker-room rancor, either. Whether they liked it or not, the Heat understood the plan for Wade and why it was crucial to preserve his balky knees with hones that he would be at his best for the biggest time of the

So far, so good. And Wade's confidence which wasn't perfect after he had to miss nine games late in the regular season because of a hamstring injury, an absence not related to the maintenance plan - is as high now as it's been all season

You need it, no question about it. We all do," Wade said. "So for me, the first round was me just kind of trying to get my footing a little bit, trying to do some of the things that I was capable of doing, trying to see if I could do it. Then the second round came a little more and then the third round. Like I said, ideally for me, missing the last 21/2 weeks wasn't ideal, but that's what happened."

It's also now forgotten.

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NL roundup

Wainwright wins eighth as Cardinals blank Reds

The Associated Pres

CINCINNATI — Adam Wainwright won 19 games last season and finished second in the NL Cy Young voting.

So far, his encore is even better.

Wainwright became the National

League's first eight-game winner by dominating Cincinnati again, and the St. Louis Cardinals pulled away

to a 4-0 victory Sunday night that completed another successful series against their division rival.

The Cardinals are 6-3 against the Reds this season. They've won 10 of their last 11 series together. Overall, St. Louis

has won nine of its last 11 games and moved within 1½ games of first-place Milwaukee in the NL Central

Wainwright (8-2) beat Johnny Cueto and the Reds on opening day in Cincinnati, allowing only three hits during seven innings of a 1-0 victory. On Sunday, the right-hander gave up five hits in eight innings and matched his career high with 12

strikeouts.
"That's the epitome of pitching, in my opinion," manager Mike Matheny said.
"The people watching today maybe on the national (television) game, I hope they had

an appreciation for what this guy does and how he does it." Wainwright set the tone by striking out five of the first six batters on a total of 24

pitches. He got Brandon Phillips on three pitches that clocked 73, 91 and 93 mph. Tony Cruz and Kolten Wong each had

a pair of singles and drove in a run off Mike Leake (2-4). Wong also stole a pair of bases.

streak of solid pitching. The right-hander hasn't allowed more than two runs in any of his past five starts. Wainwright lowered his ERA to 1.67. In

his past two starts, he has given up six hits and no runs in 17 innings. "Now that I'm over 30 years old. I don't

"Now that I'm over 30 years old, I don't think there's any reason for me to start to decline. I think I should still try to get better and expect to get better," Wainwright said.

Cruz led off the third inning with a single

and advanced on Wainwright's sacrifice bunt. Wong singled up the middle with two outs for a run.

Matt Adams singled, Allen Craig walked foruz singled home a run with two outs in the sixth. The Cardinals added a pair of runs in the seventh with the help of two errors by the Reds, who lead the majors in fielding percentage.

Wainwright pitched out of Cincinnati's best threat in the fifth, when the Reds got runners to second and third with two outs. He got Billy Hamilton on a called third strike to end the inning.

Braves 7, Rockies 0: Evan Gattis homered twice to support Julio Teheran's six scoreless innings as host Atlanta beat Colorado. Justin Upton and Chris Johnson added two-run homers for the NL East leading Braves, who have won six of eight.

Brewers 7, Marlins 1: Jimmy Nelson pitched 5% scoreless innings in his season debut for visiting Milwaukee in a win over Miami. Ryan Braun had four hits, including a double and a triple for the Brewers. Jonathan Lucroy had two doubles and a triple, and Khris Davis doubled twice.

Nationals 5, Pirates 2: Ian Desmond hit a pair of RBI singles as visiting Washington ended a four-game losing streak by beating Pittsburgh. Doug Fister (2-1) allowed one run and six hits in 5½ innings with four strikeouts and no walks.

Padres 4, Cubs 3: Ian Kennedy pitched six strong innings as host San Diego defeated Chicago. Kennedy (3-6) allowed one run and two hits. Huston Street got his 14th save despite giving up a two-run homer to Starlin Castro in the ninth inning.

Diamondbacks 2-2, Mets 1-4: Daisuke Matsuzaka (2-0) pitched six solid innings in his first start of the season and helped out with an RBI single as host New York Mets salvaged a split with Arizona.

In the opener, the Diamondbacks turned a season-high five double plays and used an error by Daniel Murphy in the ninth to win. Evan Marshall (2-0) won and Addison Reed got his 14th save. Mejia (4-1) took the loss.

Interleague

Giants 8, Twins 1: Michael Morse doubled three times and drove in four runs and Madison Bumgarner stayed unbeaten in May as host San Francisco beat Minnesota to complete a three-game sweep. Hunter Pence homered as the Giants improved to 6-0 in interlegaue games this year.



AL BEHRMAN/AP

Cardinals catcher Tony Cruz tries to catch a pop foul hit by the Reds' Billy Hamilton in the eighth inning on Sunday in Cincinnati. Hamilton struck out as St. Louis won 4-0.



ATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AF

Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Steve Tolleson, left, tries to tag out Oakland Athletics' Craig Genthy (3) on a stolen-base attempt at second base in the third inning of Sunday's game in Toronto. The Blue Jays won 3-1 for their sixth straight victory.

AL roundup

Blue Jays remain hot

AL East-best Toronto finishes sweep of Oakland

The Associated Press

TORONTO — When Edwin Encarnacion steps to the plate these days, everyone in the Toronto Blue Jays dugout makes sure they've got a good view.

Encarnacion hit a towering home run, J.A. Happ won his third straight start and the Blue Jays beat Oakland 3-1 on Sunday to completed a three-game sweep.

Encarnacion hit a one-out drive into the second deck off Oakland's Drew Pomeranz in the fourth. The homer was Encarnacion's 12th this month, tying the team record for May set by Jose Bautista in 2010.

"You've got to make sure you're watching," catcher Erik Kratz said of Encarnacion's at bats. "He makes the game look a little bit easier. It's definitely exciting to watch."

The Blue Jays' record for home runs in a month is 14, set by Bautista in June, 2012. With six games remaining before the calendar changes, Encarnacion is putting that mark in serious peril.
"When he gets hot, nobody can stop him,"

shortstop Jose Reyes said of Encarnacion. Encarnacion's 14 home runs this season are tied for third most in the majors. Only

Baltimore's Nelson Cruz (16) and Chicago White Sox Jose Abreu (15) have hit more. The Blue Jays, who lead the AL East, won their season-best sixth straight. The

Blue Jays have won 11 of 13 and 16 of 21. Toronto leads the majors with 70 home runs, and have connected in eight straight games. Toronto has hit an ML-best 38

homers in May.

Happ (4-1) allowed four hits in a seasonhigh seven shutout innings. He walked three and struck out a season-high seven

Josh Donaldson hit a leadoff homer off Dustin McGowan in the eighth for Oakland's only run. Casey Janssen finished for his seventh save in as many chances.

Encarnacion's homer snapped a streak of 18 scoreless innings by Pomeranz, who hadn't allowed a run since the eighth inning of a May 2 loss at Boston.

Pomeranz (4-2) allowed two runs and five hits in four innings, the shortest of his four starts this season. The left-hander walked a season-high four and struck out Rays 8, Red Sox 5: The World Series champion Boston lost their 10th straight game, falling into their longest slump in 20 years and brawling with host Tampa Bay.

Rays pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez connected for a tiebreaking, hree-run homer in the seventh. Yunel Escobar hit a tworun double later in the inning and then took third on defensive indifference, setting off the fracas. Escobar, Rodriguez and Boston's Jonny Gomes were all ejected.

Rangers 12, Tigers 4: Alex Rios tripled and drove in three runs, and Texas rolled to another Texas-sized rout of host Detroit, beating Justin Verlander and the Tigers.

The Tigers have lost six of seven and even Verlander (S-4) couldn't stop the slide. The Detroit right-hander allowed nine runs — six earned — in 5½ innings. Michael Choice homered for the Rangers in the second and Texas broke the game open with five runs in the fifth.

Orioles 4, Indians 2: Manny Machado and Nelson Cruz homered and Steve Pearce had three hits as host Baltimore beat Cleveland for a split of the four-game series. Back in the lineup after missing two days with a right groin strain, Machado hit an opposite-field drive to right against Trevor Bauer (1-2) to put Baltimore ahead 3-2 in the fifth.

Yankees 7, White Sox 1: Derek Jeter had four hits and Masahiro Tanaka rebounded from his first major league loss, leading New York over host Chicago. Brett Gardner had a big two-run single in New York's four-run second inning Brian Roberts added a solo homer in the eighth after missing a game with a sore right knee.

Angels 4, Royals 3: Chris I annetta hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning, lifting host Los Angeles over Kansas City. Reliever Tim Collins (0-3) retired the first batter in the eighth before I annetta hit his fifth homer of the season.

Astros 4, Mariners 1: Dallas Keuchel pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game in his past three starts, leading visiting Houston over Seattle. Keuchel (6-2) struck out six and walked none. George Springer and Marc Krauss hit two-run homers off Hisashi Iwakuma (3-1), who allowed a season-high nine hits.

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Reinvented Beckett hurls first no-hitter

Dodgers' right-hander dominates Phillies after off-season surgery

By Rob Maddi The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA -Becketttransformed himself from power pitcher to deceptive hurler after a winless, injury-plagued season ended with surgery.

He still dominates, but in a different way

Beckett pitched the first no-hitter of his stellar career and the first in the majors this season, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-0

"You don't think at this point of your career that you're going to do that." Beckett said.

Certainly not after a miserable

Beckett was nearly derailed by a nerve condition that left him unable to feel his fingertips. He even had to learn to hold the steering wheel with his left hand because he couldn't feel his right hand.

Now he's healthy and pitching like a guy with three All-Star games, two World Series rings and a World Series MVP award on his résumé.

On this day, he was downright nastv.

"For him to be able to do that is nice," manager Don Mattingly said. "Just for everything that he's been through with us, the surgery last year, he just seemed to change himself as a pitcher and is using the breaking ball more."

Beckett struck out six, walked three and didn't come close to allowing a hit against a lineup that included two former NL MVPs and four former All-Stars. The

Did you know

Los Angeles Dodgers pitchers have tossed 21



hitters in franchise history, led by Sandy Koufax with four.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

34-year-old right-hander threw 128 pitches. He fanned five-time All-Star Chase Utley on a called strike three to end the game.

Figuring Utley wasn't expecting a fastball with a no-hitter on the line, Beckett fired a 94 mph heater right down the middle

"I was trying to think along with him." Beckett said.

Beckett mixed a sharp fastball with a slow curve that kept hitters off-balance while retiring 23 straight batters in one stretch. He pitched the Dodgers' first no-hitter since Hideo Nomo beat Colorado at Coors Field in 1996, and the 21st in franchise history. Sandy Koufax threw four.

"I knew he had something special going early," catcher Drew Butera said. "I was a nervous wreck from the fourth inning on when he said he had never taken one this far. He's a guy who is going to keep it loose and he didn't want anybody to be thinking about it.'



Dodgers starting pitcher Josh Beckett, left, celebrates with catcher Drew Butera on Sunday after striking out the Phillies' Chase Utley to complete his first career no-hitter as the Dodgers won 6-0.

All of the defensive plays behind Beckett were routine Domonic Brown had the hardest out. a liner that left fielder Carl Crawford ran down near the warning track in the fifth.

Beckett sat at the end of the bench, next to a security guard, as the Dodgers batted in the ninth inning, before taking the mound in his bid for history.
"It was awesome. You think

about it pretty much from the fourth on. I'm not one of those guys that carried a lot of no-hitters deep into games," he said.

Beckett's longest previous bid was 62/3 innings before allowing a single to Detroit's Curtis Granderson on June 3, 2009. Beckett retired pinch-hit-

ter Tony Gwynn Jr. on a popup to shortstop to start the ninth. Speedy Ben Revere followed with a grounder that first baseman Adrian Gonzalez fielded, and he flipped to Beckett covering the bag for the second out. "It was the most excited I've

ever been playing defense," Gonzalez said.

Jimmy Rollins was up next, and Beckett walked him on a full-count pitch. That brought up Utley, and when the count when to 3-2. Butera went to the mound to talk to Beckett.

"It was what it was, and if I threw one, great. If not, I have healthy kids and a healthy wife, and that's the main goal," Beckett

A pitch before striking out, Utley took a few steps toward first base when he thought a 3-1 delivery was ball four. Instead, it was strike two, then he struck out looking on the next pitch.

Beckett walked off the mound. pumped his fist and was mobbed by teammates. He got a standing ovation from the crowd of 36,141 at Citizens Bank Park on his way to the dugout.

This week in baseball

Tigers getting better end of Fielder-for-Kinsler deal

By NOAH TRISTER The Associated Press

he nlan seemed sensible enough at the time.

The Texas Rangers traded Ian Kinsler to Detroit for Prince Fielder in November, acquiring Fielder's powerful bat and clearing the way for Jurickson Profar to take over for Kinsler at second base

Now Fielder is probably out for the season because of a neck injury and Profar hasn't played a game in 2014 because of a shoulder tear. Texas is 25-25.

To their credit, the Rangers took three of four at Detroit without Fielder, but with Kinsler hitting .330 for the Tigers, it's pretty clear which team has benefited from that deal in the early going.

"They got a quality player that's producing. We got a quality player that's hurting right now, said Texas manager Ron Washington, who remains confident in Fielder's ability but wasn't about to sugar coat the early returns on

Fielder-for-Kinsler was the offseason's most significant swap, but there were a few other big trades worth looking back on:

Detroit trades Doug Fister to Washington, Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski took some heat for this one, but Robbie Ray, the 22-year-old left-hander who came over in the deal, has been impressive in the minor leagues and even made three starts for the Tigers in the majors recently. So it seems Detroit was onto something.

Fister missed the start of the season with a back injury, but he appears to be rounding into form now for the Nationals.

Colorado trades Dexter Fowler to Houston. Fowler has put up a solid .366 on-base percentage for Houston, but the Rockies

have fared just fine without him They acquired 23-year-old righthander Jordan Lyles in the deal, and he's 5-1 with a 3.45 ERA. The Cardinals trade David

Freese to the Angels. Freese, a former World Series MVP, is hitting only .217 for the Angels, while Peter Bourjos — the outfielder who went to St. Louis in this trade — is at .227. Bourjos brings speed and impressive defense to the Cardinals, even if his impact with the bat has been minimal.

Here are five things to watch around the majors this week:

Toronto's tear: The AL East race looked like a mass of mediocrity for a while, but the Blue Jays have hit a hot streak and emerged atop the division, winners of six straight, 11 of 13 and 16 of 21. Toronto's ace Mark Buehrle tries for his ninth victory of the year Tuesday night at home in Rogers Centre against the division rival Tampa Bay Rays.

Bottomed out: At the other end of the spectrum, the Boston Red Sox have lost 10 in a row, and the defending World Series champions find themselves with the fourth-worst record in baseball The Red Sox began a stretch of four straight interleague games against Atlanta on Monday, then host Tampa Bay, who swept the Red Sox on May 23-25.

Marquee matchup: The Detroit Tigers and Oakland Athletics have the two best records in the American League and they'll play a four-game set in California starting Monday. But neither team has looked its best lately - the Tigers have dropped six of seven and Oakland has lost four straight. Sonny Gray of the A's puts his 1.99 ERA on the line Tuesday night against reigning Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer

Relentless: Troy Tulowitzki of Colorado could be headed for one of the greatest offensive seasons by a shortstop - the type of year previously reserved for players such as Alex Rodriguez and Cal Ripken. Even after going hitless Sunday, Tulowitzki is hitting .375 with 14 homers, He's hitting .521 at home, but the Rockies will be on the road this week against the Philadelphia Phillies and Cleveland Indians.

Unlikely standout: Yes. that's Houston's Dallas Keuchel who just threw his second complete game in three starts Sunday - he came within an out of pitching a third complete game in that span after having just one in the first 45 starts of his career. His third The 26-year-old left-hander is 6-2 with a 2.55 ERA in 2014.

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Proud: Hunter-Reay first American winner in 8 years

"IndvCar Series is a true drivers' championship." Hunter-Reav added. "That's what I love most about it."

Sunday, Hunter-Reav earned his first Indy 500 by beating one of the very best in a thrilling finish to the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Hunter-Reay peeked around Helio Castroneves, then reversed course and dipped inside for a daredevil pass and the late lead. Castroneves charged back to the front, winning a drag race down the frontstretch at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. And then, in a stirring wheel-to-wheel battle between a pair of bright yellow cars, Hunter-Reay seized the lead once more Sunday as the drivers hurtled toward the finish with a single, 2.5-mile lap remaining.

With nobody in front of him, Hunter-Reay used the entire track to keep Castroneves in his rearview mirror. He nipped him at the line by less than half a car length, denying his Brazilian rival a chance at history.

The finish was well worth the wait - to the fans who watched 150 laps of caution-free racing, to the drivers who bided their time unsure of when they should charge to the front and to Hunter-Reay, who finally got to drink the celebratory milk in his seventh try. He beat Castroneves by just 0.060 seconds - only the 1992 race had a closer finish when Al Unser Jr. beat Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds.

Castroneves, trying to become the fourth driver to win a fourth Indianapolis 500, settled for second. He said a caution with 10 laps to go broke his rhythm as the red flag came out so track workers could clean debris and repair a track wall.

'It was a great fight," he smiled. "I tell you what, I was having a great time. Unfortunately, second. It's good, but second sucks, you know what I mean?"

Marco Andretti finished third and Carlos Munoz was fourth as Andretti Autosport had three cars in the top four, as well as the winner.

Michael Andretti was thrilled to field the winning car, and his Andretti Autosport organization had four cars finish in the top six. That included Kurt Busch, who was sixth before leaving for the Coca-Cola 600 in North Carolina.

But as a father, Andretti had to balance his emotions to help son Marco deal with the disappointment of falling short in his ninth Indianapolis 500.

"It's a weird feeling because I really was disappointed for him," Michael Andretti said. "I know you only get that many shots. He had a car that was close, just not close enough. Yet I'm so happy and proud of the rest of the team As a dad, disappointment. As a team owner, couldn't be happier. You have to try to balance those things.'

Here are five other things that happened in the Indianapolis 500:

IndyCar champion Scott Dixon made a rare mistake 33 laps from the finish, when he spun, lost control of his car and wrecked. It brought his race to an end and he finished 29th. He also "slapped my hand a little bit," when his car hit the

"All of a sudden, it just started to slide midpack. I tried to catch it and there was no catching it,' Dixon said. "I feel really bad for the guys. We had a pretty strong car all day

Red Flag Right: Castroneves said that the red flag that flew with 10 laps left for Townsend Bell's wreck threw off his rhythm. He also acknowledged that it was the correct decision by race control. There was too much debris scattered across the track to clean it up quickly, and the red flag provided more green-flag laps to the finish - and a better show for the fans. "I believe it was the right decision, to be honest," Castroneves said. "It broke the rhythm, but it gave everybody a good, clean race. I think that was definitely the right choice."

Record-setting race: The 20 drivers on the lead lap at the end of the race set a record, breaking the mark of 19 set in 2009 and again last year. The 6,105 laps completed by the 33-car field also were a record, and Ryan Hunter-Reay's average winning speed of 186,563 mph was second only to Tony Kanaan's 187.433 last year. There were just 21 caution laps, matching the record for fewest since 1976, when yellow flags were first recorded.

Villeneuve's return: Jacques Villeneuve finished 14th in his return to the Indianapolis 500, the race he won in 1995. He struggled early with his car and lost a lan, but was able to get back on the lead lap during the four caution periods. He was impressed with the early pace of the race, which went caution free for 150

"After being away for 19 years, I was happy to be running quickly at the end," he said. "We ended on the lead lap and stayed away from the wall, so I think that's an acceptable result for being away for so long.

Tough Tough day for Tony: Kanaan threw up his hands, shook his head in disbelief and rued the misfortune that ended his day early. The defending Indy 500 champion ran out of fuel during Sunday's race, leading to a lengthy pit stop because the starter was damaged on his car. He lost 18 laps during the repairs.

'Our day was pretty much over before it started," he said. "When vou go that many laps down, you simply cannot recover. I always say this place chooses the winner and unfortunately today she didn't choose us."



Kurt Busch's car smokes after his engine blows up on the backstretch during Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 Sprint Cup series race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

Double dream deferred

Busch comes up short in attempt to finish 2 races

By DAN GELSTON AND STEVE REED The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. - While Kurt Busch's bid to complete "The Double" may have failed, it won't stop the former Sprint Cup champion from making another run at

"I would love to do it again," Busch said Sunday night.

Busch was in an upbeat mood as he stood next to his broken down, still simmering No. 41 Chevy outside of his hauler. An engine failure on lap 271 of the 400-lap race ended Busch's night early at the Coca-Cola 600.

Busch completed more than 906 miles in his quest to join Tony Stewart as the only other driver to complete Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 in the same

day.
"I was hoping to do 1,100 miles today," Busch said. "But I can't let what happened here dampen the mood on what happened up in

Indianapolis." Busch finished sixth in his first Indianapolis 500, an impressive accomplishment.

But his Sprint Cup troubles this year continued to haunt him. He entered the night 28th in the NASCAR Sprint Cup point standings and Sunday was the fifth race he didn't finish.

"We just had a monkey on our back down here in running NASCAR this year," Busch said. "That kind of motor failure symbolizes some of the struggles we've had."



Driver Kurt Busch, right, with girlfriend Patricia Driscoll after dropping out of the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday. Busch was attempting to become just the second driver to complete all 1,100 miles of the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day.

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I'm very saton attempting isfied," Busch "The Double" said. "I gave it my all. I trained very

down.

Still, he re-

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hard. I had a lot of people help-ing out. Thanks to Gene Haas, Tony Stewart, Michael Andretti and this whole group. Everyone worked hard on both sides. ... I'm still really in awe of how well we ran at Indy,'

Busch said his feet and hands were sore.

But other than that he felt well and was planning to get a good night's sleep and savor what was a long, but fun day.

"Today is a memory I'll have forever," Busch said. "Overall, I

can stand here with a smile knowing I gave it my all for six months trying to get to this point.'

The NASCAR veteran was trying to become the second driver to complete the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 in a single day a grueling, 1,100-mile slog that included an airplane ride from Indiana to North Carolina.

He successfully completed the Indianapolis 500 earlier Sunday, then darted to the second race. The frenetic schedule didn't faze him. He even hinted it might not be his only shot at the back-toback races.

"The Double" has been attempted by just three drivers, the last being Robby Gordon in 2004. Only Stewart, in 2001, successfully completed the two races, finishing sixth at Indy and third at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

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Scoreboard

Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR Sprint Cup Sunday At Charlotte Motor Speedway Concord, N.C.

Concord, N.L.

Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
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12. (8) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 95.2, 32, \$151,501.
13. (18) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 400, 79.7, 31, \$148,468.

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14. (3) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 399, 85.2, 30, \$131,660.
15. (42) Pyon Newman, Chevrolet, 399, 73.2, 29, \$171,260.
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17. (5) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 399, 105.4, 27, \$146,026.

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18. (25) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 398, 71.8, 26, \$134,680.
19. (10) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 398, 100.6, 26, \$115,460.
20. (14) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 398, 58.8,

20. (14) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 398, 58.8, 0, \$103,435.
21. (24) Greg Biffle, Ford, 398, 63.6, 23, \$146,385. 22. (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 398, 78.9, 22, \$112,985.

22, \$112,985. 23. (20) A J Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 398, 59.9, 21, \$121,518. 24. (34) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 398, 55.6, 20, \$126,643.

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25. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 38, 813, 19, \$129,593.
37. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Ford, 397, 579, 18, \$137,310.
27. (31) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 397, 47.4, 17, \$96,960.
28. (39) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 396, 40.8, 16, \$113,893.

29. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 396, 51.8, 15, \$126,255. 30. (30) Michael McDowell, Ford, 396, 44.1, 14, \$97,685.

44.1, 14, \$97,685. 31, (35) David Ragan, Ford, 395, 43.2, 13, \$118,793. 32. (19) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 395, 48.7, 0, \$108,457. 33. (29) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 392, 1, 11, \$98,760.

34.1, 11, \$98,760.
34. (38) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 390, 29.1, 0, \$106,135.
35. (43) Blake Koch, Ford, 390, 28.5, 0, \$95,485.
36. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 382,

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Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., on Sunday. It was the defending Cup champ's first victory this season.

Johnson back in Victory Lane

Defending Cup champ suddenly on course for record-tying seventh title

By Pete Iacobelli The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. - Apparently, Jimmie Johnson isn't done in NASCAR after all.

The six-time and defending Sprint Cup champion had spent much of the year listening to outsiders wonder when or if he would return to Victory Lane. Those questions ended with Johnson's dominating win at the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday night. That left just one query from Johnson himself: "What the hell are you going to write about?"

Maybe about how Johnson's title defense is truly underway as he goes for a record-tying seventh driver crown. This win all but locks him into NASCAR's expanded 16-team playoffs and Johnson expects it will energize his No. 48 team in the season's second half.

"We really want to heat up and win races later in the season," he said when asked if he had panicked about a drought that stretched since winning last November at Texas Motor Speedway.

'More than anything I got tired of answering the question," Johnson said. "We hold ourselves to a high standard."

There's a great chance Johnson could get on a big time roll. The Sprint Cup series this week heads to Dover, where Johnson has won a record eight times. Then comes Pocono, where he has three wins.

Johnson has politely dealt with inquiries about not winning and showed the best way to combat that was finishing out front. He did that Thursday in qualifying, taking his first pole of the season, then followed that up with the stellar performance Sunday night.

Johnson led the most laps - 165 of 400 - and was in the lead 10 separate times. The last came when Johnson moved past Kenseth in turn four nine laps from the end. No one came close to running him down after that, not even Kevin Harvick, who led 100 laps and has been the toast of NASCAR all year long with the speed the Stewart-Haas team has produced.

Harvick was second Kenseth third and Carl Edwards fourth. Johnson made sure the No. 48

won't be overlooked this year. "You never know when you are going to peak. We will hopefully peak at the right time," he said.

Five other things to take away from the Coca-Cola 600:

Gordon is tough: Fourtime series champion Jeff Gordon again showed his toughness and determination by lasting all 600 miles in the car despite back spasms that saw him cut short practice and leave the track early Saturday. Gordon was among the top 10 all night long and held the lead with 16 laps left before falling back.

Gordon said his back bothered

him at times during the ride, but he was able to persevere. "It tells me a lot about what kind of threshold I have and I just want to show this team the kind of commitment I have to them because of what they have shown me," he said.

Gordon finished seventh for his ninth top-10 finish in 12 races this

The double is tough: Kurt Busch was more than prepared to go all 1,100 miles Sunday night. Unfortunately, his equipment wasn't as he blew an engine on lap 271 of 400 - about 184 miles short could not complete the Coca-Cola 600. Earlier, Busch finished sixth in the Indianapolis 500 in the first time he's ever raced an Indy car

A frustrated Busch never had the speed to match the leaders at Charlotte Motor Speedway, but had toughed out the problems to stay on the lead lap when the car finally gave out. "We were going to muscle it out," he said. "And then it's like the car just swallowed three cylinders all at once. So the engine let go. Those things happen in motorsports."

Danica problems: Danica Patrick had hoped to have her best showing at Charlotte after starting fourth. her best qualifying run this year. She was up to second early in the race behind winner Johnson. but began to fall back. Her issues were complicated when she

was involved in a five-car wreck midrace, then was done for good when her engine blew on lap 281. She finished 30th, her poorest performance in three career Coca-Cola 600s.

When will Kenseth win? With Jimmie Johnson's drought over, the attention will turn to Matt Kenseth. The Joe Gibbs Racing driver has vet to win this season after capturing a series-leading seven victories a year ago. Kenseth acknowledged the frustration that comes from not finishing things off when you're in contention as he was Sunday night.

"They put you out in the front at the end of the race, you don't win the race, you're always frustrated and disappointed," said. "You don't get a lot of those opportunities."

Dale Jr.'s There's probably no place Dale Earnhardt Jr. wants to win a points race more than Charlotte, where he grew up watching his father run and learned to love NASCAR racing. Instead, it's been problem after problem for him at the track he cherishes. This time Earnhardt led 13 laps and was positioned among the leaders late before engine problems dropped him from contention.

"We just have to look at the positives and try not to dwell too much on what happened," he said.



INDIANAPOLIS 500



Ryan Hunter-Reay celebrates after winning the 98th running of the Indy 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on Sunday.

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Indy winner Hunter-Reay a 'proud American'

By Jenna Fryer The Associated Press

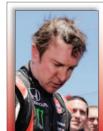
INDIANAPOLIS - Chants of "USA! USA!" followed Ryan Hunter-Reay as fans ecstatically celebrated the Indianapolis 500's first American winner in eight

They waved flags and roared their approval when, in Victory Lane, Hunter-Reay described himself as "a proud American."

"Being an American boy, I think when you look at maybe the NAS-CAR side of it, it's all Americans.

Hunter-Reay said. "This is an international sport, open-wheel. We do battle on every different type of discipline, short ovals, street courses, the only series in the world like that."

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6th in the Indy 500, but failed to pull off auto racing's 'Double' after engine failure ended his day prematurely at the Coca-Cola 600 Page 30

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